

STATEMENT

Allocation of funds and construction of houses under Indira Awaas Yojana for North Eastern States including Sikkim during last three years.

Year	Allocation (In crores)	Houses Constructed (Nos)
1997-98	36.20	24350
1998-99	66.46	29853
1999-2000	206.30	27102*

*Provisional

Decline in fund allocation

2885 SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual allocation of fund for rural activities has been declining;

(b) whether the mode of implementation is very poor; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) The annual plan budget allocation for rural activities comprising agriculture, rural development and water resources has increased from Rs. 4748.00 crore in 1992-93 to Rs. 13017.40 crore in 1999-2000. However, there was a slight decline in 1997-98 and in 1999-2000, with a sharp increase in 1998-99.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

New projects for poverty alleviation

2886, SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are planning any new project for poverty alleviation in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that poverty alleviation programmes have failed to achieve their objectives; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA) : (a) There is no proposal for any new project for poverty alleviation in the country.

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.