

## STATEMENT

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

| Year      | Allocation<br>(In crores) | Houses<br>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.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.