

विवरण

वर्ष	परियोजनाओं की संख्या	एजेंसियों की संख्या	(रुपये करोड़ों में)	
			स्वीकृत राशि	रिलीज की गई राशि
1991-92	2505	1665	47.29	28.48
1992-93	2408	1646	45.49	36.04
1993-94	2331	1690	58.29	55.02
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Scheme of Assistance to Rural Women in non-farm Development

2430. SHRI S. MADHAVAN; WiU the PRIME MINISTER -be pleased to state:

- how many persons were benefited under the Scheme of Assistance to Rural Women in Non-Farm Development as on 30th June, 1994;
- what is the total amount distributed under this scheme;
- whether it is a fact that a new voluntary agency of rural women is not eligible to obtain loan under this scheme; and
- whether Government will extend this scheme to the newly-formed women's organisations with a view to encourage women's organisations with a view to encourage women's organisations in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) Under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) Special safeguards have been provided for assistance in the form of subsidy and "Bank credit to, rural women. Accordingly, 40 per cent of the beneficiaries should belong to rural women.

During 1993-94, 8.52 lakh women beneficiaries have been provided assistance under IRDP and 0.46 lakh, women provided assistance during 94-95 (upto June 1994). During 1993-94, Rs. 1406 crores credit mobilised and Rs. 800.31 crores subsidy disbursed to all assisted families under IRDP.

Under IRDP a sub-scheme viz. Development of women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) and it is meant for all rural women below poverty line engaged in farm and non-farm development. So far, 12,36,105 women have been benefited under DWCRA scheme since inception in 1982-83.

It is proposed to extend all Districts under DWCRA during the 8th Plan*

Finance Commission for Panchayats

2431. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- whether Government are considering the establishment of a Finance Commission for Panchayats;
- if so, the terms of reference thereof; and
- what steps are proposed to enhance financial viability of Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH-WAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) Article 243.1 of the Constitution requires the States to constitute Finance Commission to review the financial position of the Panchayats and to make recommendations to the Governor as to—

I. the principles which should govern—

(i) the distribution between the States and the Panchayats of the net proceeds of the taxes, duties, tolls and fees leviable by the State, which may be divided between them and the allocation between the Panchayats at the levels of their respective shares of such proceeds ;

(ii) the determination of the taxes, duties, tolls and fees which may be assigned to, or appropriated by, the Panchayats;

(iii) the grants-in-aid to the Panchayats from the consolidated Fund of the State;

(b) the measures needed to improve the financial position of the Panchayats;

(c) any other matter referred to the Finance Commission by the Governor in the interests of the sound finance of the Panchayats.

All the States where Part IX of the Constitution is applicable have incorporated necessary provisions in their State legislations.

Elections in State in Pursuance of 73rd Constitutional Amendment

2432. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) What are the States which have taken steps to conduct election

to constitute Panchayats in accordance with the provisions of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment;

(b) whether there is any time limit to conduct such elections to constitute new Panchayats as per the new provisions;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken to ensure that the remaining States take steps to conduct election immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) (a) So far, Madhya Pradesh has conducted election to constitute Panchayats in accordance with the provisions of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment. Tripura is going to conduct Panchayat elections in August, 1994. Besides, Karnataka has constituted Gram Panchayats and elections to Panchayat Samiti/Zilla Parishad remain to be held.

(b) to (d) Constitution contemplates that Panchayats would be in position immediately after the existing laws are brought in line with the Constitutional provisions. States which have not constituted Panchayats in accordance with the provisions of Part IX of the Constitution will have to take immediate steps for constituting Panchayats within such time as is absolutely necessary for completing the election process. The Conference of Panchayat Ministers and Panchayat Secretaries of States and Union Territories held on 3.7.93 recommended that States should conduct election to Panchayats within six months of passing the amendment to the State legislation or bringing fresh legislation. The Ministry has accordingly addressed all States/UTs.