

- (d) There is no provision for cost escalation in the Guidelines of the Programme.

Beneficiaries of NREGA in Gujarat

2919. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of districts selected in Gujarat for extending benefit under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) so far;
- (b) the number of districts to be selected by end of March, 2010 in the State; and
- (c) the number of households benefited under the Act in the country along with number of beneficiaries in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) All districts of Gujarat have been covered under NREGA with effect from 1.4.2008.

- (b) Does not arise.

(c) Total number of households provided employment under NREGA in the country and those in Gujarat are as under;

	Total number of households provided employment			
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (up to October, 09)
Entire country	20984179	33889122	45112792	35179980
Gujarat	226269	290691	850691	1078886

Parameters of Rural Sanitation Scheme

2920. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the broad parameters of the rural sanitation scheme;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that fund is allocated by the Central Government under this scheme to the State Governments;
- (c) whether the scheme is envisaged to give special thrust to the villages with the population of SC/ST majority; and
- (d) if so, whether priority work be given to village Nandla, district Shimla, Himachal Pradesh which has sizeable number of Scheduled Caste population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI AGATHA SANGMA): (a) The Government of India administers the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), a comprehensive programme to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with the main goal of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment. The main

components are incentive for Individual Household Latrines (IHHL), School Sanitation and Hygiene Education (SSHE), assistance for Community Sanitary Complex, Anganwadi toilets and Solid and Liquid Waste Management. The incentive/assistance pattern for toilets is as follows:

S. No.	Component	Central share	State share (minimum)
1.	IHHL	Rs.1,500 (Rs.2,000 for hilly and difficult areas)	Rs. 700
2.	School Toilet Unit	Rs.14,000	Rs. 6,000
3.	Anganwadi Toilet	Rs.3,500	Rs. 1,500
4.	Community Sanitary Complex	Rs.1,40,000	Rs. 60,000

(b) TSC is a demand driven programme. There is no allocation of funds to the State Governments under this scheme. However, funds are released to the States as per their eligibility.

(c) TSC includes provision for universal coverage of toilets for the entire rural population of the country irrespective of the caste, creed or sex. It is, however, reiterated to the States that provisioning for the weaker and disadvantaged sections like Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minorities is an integral part of TSC.

(d) Does not arise.

Funding for NRLM

2921. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), which is being talked of as the second largest programme after National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) for tackling poverty and unemployment in rural India triggered a confrontation between the Centre and the States over the funding pattern;

(b) whether the mission is yet to be launched and sent to States for their consent, and the matter was discussed at a Conference of Rural Development Ministers of all the States in September; and

(c) if so, the outcome of the Conference and to what extent the funding pattern has been decided and by when the scheme is to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) No, Sir. There is no confrontation between the Centre and the States over the funding pattern in the proposed restructured Swarnajayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY) as National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM).