

Convergence of NREGS with other job works

2906. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has accepted a slew of suggestions from States to extend the scope of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) through convergence with other departments as job works to be taken up under the scheme;

(b) whether the scope of manual work has been enlarged and if so, whether it covers sanitation campaign, social services and constructions of dwellings for Below Poverty Line (BPL) beneficiaries etc.; and

(c) in what way NREGS workforce is to be deployed for assistance in anganwadi centres and creches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) Ministry of Rural Development has issued Convergence Guidelines with Ministries of Environment and Forests, Agriculture, Water Resources; Department of Land Resources and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana of Department of Rural Development.

(b) Yes, Sir. Construction of Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendra as Village Knowledge Resource Centre and Gram Panchayat Bhawan at Gram Panchayat level has been included as a permissible activity in para 1 of Schedule I of the Act *vide* Notification dated 11.11.2009.

(c) At present, there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

Sixth and seventh phase of PMGSY

2907. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages with population of one thousand and five hundred which remain to be linked with road under the Sixth and Seventh Phase of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY); and

(b) by when the remaining villages are likely to be linked with road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), as on 30th September, 2009, 16,112 habitations having population of 1000 and more and 33,043 having population of 500 and more are yet to be provided connectivity by all weather roads. There were no separate target for sixth and seventh phase under PMGSY.

(b) It has been targeted to provide all weather connectivity to all the habitations with population of 1000 or more in plain areas and habitations with population of 500 or more in the hill States, the tribal and desert areas by March, 2012.

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