

Apart from the regular monitoring at the government level, the physical monitoring of works executed under MPLAD Scheme has been entrusted to NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS), an independent agency. The NABCONS have found that the MPLAD Scheme is a unique Scheme, having the characteristic feature of decentralized development and has resulted in creation of good quality of assets, which have had a positive impact on the local economy, social fabric and the physical environment. They have further reported that the Scheme has been welcomed by the people due to its inherent strengths and its positive impact on their economic and social life.

Since inception of the Scheme, as of 31.10.2009, an amount of Rs. 20351.25 crore has been released, out of which Rs. 18600.90 crore has been utilized. The percentage of cumulative utilization over cumulative release is 91.40%. About 12.82 lakh works have been recommended, 11.45 lakh works were sanctioned, and about 10.49 lakh works have been completed. The percentage of cumulative works completed to cumulative works sanctioned, is 91.61%.

Priorities for Tribal Projects

422. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the priorities of his Ministry during the current year;
- (b) the targets fixed and to be achieved, project-wise;
- (c) the amount allocated and spent on each project and scheme of the Ministry during the current year; and
- (d) the new schemes likely to be introduced during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI TUSHAR BHAI CHAUDHARY) : (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements various Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes /Programmes with equal priority for the socio-economic development of tribal people in the country. The funds under the various schemes of this Ministry are released to the State/UT Governments based on the proposals submitted by them, which are processed and sanctioned when they fulfill the eligibility conditions of the relevant schemes, subject to the availability of funds and utilization of the previously released funds. The State/UT Governments are required to ensure that the benefits of the schemes reach the target groups/areas.

(c) The details of the funds earmarked and spent under these schemes/programmes during the current year (2009-10) so far are as under:

Budget Estimates - Rs. 3205.50 crore

Amount spent - Rs. 753.29 crore

(d) The Ministry has no proposal under consideration to introduce any new scheme during the current year.

Schemes for the tribes

423. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the tribal schemes presently existing in each State especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the funds earmarked and spent during the current year so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI TUSHAR BHAI CHAUDHARY) : (a) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements the following Central Sector / Centrally Sponsored schemes / programmes for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes in the country:

A. Special Central Assistance

1. SCA to Tribal Sub Plan
2. Article 275(1) of the Constitution
3. ACA for Educational Development of Tribal Children in Schedule-V areas and Naxal-affected areas

B. Central Sector Schemes

1. Grant-in-Aid to NGOs for STs including Coaching & Allied Scheme and Award for Exemplary Service.
2. Vocational Training Centres in Tribal Areas
3. Educational Complex in Low Literacy pockets for development of women
- 4.. Market Development of Tribal Products/Produce
5. State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations for Minor Forest Produce
6. Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PTGs)
7. Support to National/State Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporations
8. Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST Students
9. Scheme of Institute of Excellence/Top class Institute
10. National Overseas Scholarship Scheme.

C. Centrally Sponsored Plan Schemes

1. Schemes of PMS, Book Bank and Upgradation of Merit of ST students
2. Scheme of Hostels for ST Girls and Boys
3. Establishment of Ashram Schools
4. Research Information & Mass Education Tribal Festival and Others
5. Information Technology
6. Monitoring and Evaluation

These schemes/programmes are implemented in all the States/UTs, including Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The details of the funds earmarked and spent under these schemes/programmes during the current year (2009-10) so far are as under :

Budget Estimate - Rs. 3205.50 crore

Amount spent - Rs. 753.29 crore

Distribution of food to malnourished children

424. SHRI N.K. SINGH :

SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: