

#### **Watershed Project in Jharkhand**

2108. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received proposal from Jharkhand for watershed development projects;
- (b) if so, the current status of the proposals;
- (c) whether Government has sanctioned special grants for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the outcome of such grants given by the Central Government;
- (e) the reasons for the delay in commencement of work on 'Swajal Dhara Yojana' of Government wherein many people had deposited money; and
- (f) when Government proposes to implement the said Yojana in the interest of and for the benefit of about 100 villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SISIR ADHIKARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The 20 projects in 14 districts of Jharkhand with the project cost of Rs. 141.38884 crore covering an area 1,17,824 hectare have been sanctioned by the State Level Nodal Agency, Jharkhand, on 25.01.2010 as per the approval of the Steering Committee in its meeting held on 23.12.2009. An amount of Rs. 7.635 crore has been sanctioned for release as part of the 1st instalment of the Central Share for these projects on 10.03.2010.

(e) Earlier, Swajaldhara funds were being sent to districts. After launching of National Rural Drinking Water Programme by the Government of India, 20% funds are earmarked for Schemes under Swajaldhara mode. Fund flow is through Nationalized Bank. It took some time to get Cabinet Approval for this fund flow.

(f) Now the Swajaldhara Scheme is closed by the Government. All old Schemes shall be completed.

#### **Expediting PMGSY**

2109. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is expediting the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof in the Eleventh Five Year Plan, year-wise and State-wise especially in the tribal and notified areas;
- (c) whether his Ministry is not able to finance the scheme properly;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and