

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Integrated Rural Development Programme

*62. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IRDP is not making satisfactory progress;

(b) what was the amount sanctioned from 1980-81 to 1983-84 for the programme and what amount was spent thereon;

(c) what is the number of rural poor brought above poverty line;

(d) whether it is a fact that the representatives of people are not associated in distribution of the assistance; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government for the improvement of the Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI HARI NATHA MISRA): (a) The Integrated Rural Development Programmes are making satisfactory progress. Against the target of 30 lakh families to be assisted every year, 27.27 lakhs were assisted in 1980-81 27.13 lakhs in 1981-82 and 34.55 lakhs in 1982-83.

(b)

	Amount sanctioned (Central share of 50%)	Amount utilised (including State share)
	(Rs. in crores)	
1980-81	82.51	158.64
1981-82	128.45	264.65
1982-83	176.18	359.59
1983-84	79.79	89.37
till September '83		(Provisional)

(c) From 1980-81 upto now 96.78 lakh beneficiaries have been assisted under the programme. Bringing above the poverty line is a gradual continuing process, and it will take time before the impact of the programme on beneficiary families is available.

(d) According to the guidelines issued by the Government of India, all local M.P.s and MLAs are to be members of the governing body of District Rural Development Agencies which are in charge of the implementation of the programme.

(e) Rural development programmes are implemented by the State Governments with the Central Government issuing guidelines from time to time for their proper implementation. The progress is monitored by obtaining periodic statistical reports from the State Governments, sending Central Teams for field visits and calling upon the State Governments, wherever necessary, to improve the pace and quality of implementation. Apart from the funds for the programme, the State Governments have been assisted to set up monitoring cells at the State Headquarters and to strengthen the District/Block machinery for better implementation.

Prime Minister's visit to the United Nations

*63. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose of Prime Minister's visit to the United Nations in September, 1983;

(b) the brief particulars of her official engagements;

(c) the results achieved;

(d) the composition of the delegation; and

(e) the expenditure incurred on the visit?