

SI. States/UTs No.	Number of Beneficiaries reported			
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
North-Eastern States				
21 Arunachal Pradesh	715	12923	NR	12923
22 Assam	315505	315505	315505	614513
23 Manipur	35041	35041	NR	43619
24 Meghalaya	NR	34307	34086	33776
25 Mizoram	10525	10525	10525	10525
26 Nagaland	27408	27408	28053	30051
27 Sikkim	10104	10104	10104	14869
28 Tripura	60357	60373	69469	83972
SUB TOTAL	459655	506186	467742	844248
UTs				
29 A & N Islands	420	23	2	NR
30 Chandigarh	1400	NR	3400	NR
31 D&NHaveli	NR	NR	NR	1086
32 Daman & Diu	NR	NR	NR	NR
33 NCT Delhi	124533	139680	149723	150000
34 Lakshadweep	31	31	32	32
35 Pondicherry	5240	NR	NR	NR
SUB TOTAL	131624	139734	153157	151118
GRAND TOTAL	7464700	6530285	8065643	7552666

NR: Not Reported

**Funds for centrally-sponsored or aided rural development schemes
in West Bengal**

2842. SHRI MUKUL ROY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how much Central funds, for the centrally-sponsored or aided

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rural development schemes, have been released to the West Bengal Government during the last three financial years; item-wise;

(b) how much of such funds have been actually utilised by the State Government, year-wise;

(c) what are the reasons for failure to utilize such Central funds; and

(d) what steps have been taken by the Central Government to ensure utilization of such funds in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Ministry of rural Development has released an amount of Rs. 2996.85 crores to the Government of West Bengal during the last three years *i.e.* 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 for implementation of main Centrally Sponsored Rural Development Schemes. Scheme-wise and Year-wise details of such funds released by the Ministry and utilised by the Government of West Bengal during this period given in the enclosed statement. (See below).

(c) The utilization of total available funds under these schemes in West Bengal is lower than the national average. There are multiple reasons like cyclones, floods and elections etc. for slow progress in implementation of rural development programmes in the State.

(d) With a view that the State Governments may utilise maximum amount of the available funds in accordance with the programme guidelines, the Ministry has developed a comprehensive system of monitoring, review and impact assessment of the programmes including utilization of funds through Periodical Progress Reports, Performance of Review Committee, Area Officer's Scheme, Vigilance and Monitoring Committee at the State/District Level with greater involvement of Members of Parliament, National Level Monitors and District Level Monitoring to monitor quality of work, adherence to implementation of schemes as per programme guidelines. Besides, the State have been advised to adopt a five-pronged strategy consisting of (i) creation of awareness about the schemes, (ii) transparency, (iii) people's participation, (iv) accountability-social audit through Gram Sabha and (v) strict monitoring and vigilance.

Statement-I

Programme-wise Central funds released and utilised under various rural development programmes during 2003-04 to 2005-06

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Central Releases during			Total Utilisation during		
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	Swamjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY)	2617.59	4608.31	5465.50	5310.91	7317.61	7525.25
2	Samporna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)	21453.96	26731.84	34453.26	31869.99	38267.32	37779.37
3	DRDA Administration	691.71	687.72	676.21	691.71	687.72	453.68
4	India Awaas Yojana (IAY)	12892.42	19084.50	19355.70	15478.41	27350.19	20728.15
5	National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP)	—	11449.81	29786.32	—	1959.21	11221.82
6	Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)	13630.00	27598.00	35558.00	43669.00*	23751.00	29595.00
7	Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP)	82.50	156.90	464.57	82.50	156.90	464.57
8	Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP)	243.00	243.00	361.40	243.00	243.00	361.40
9	Computerisation of Land Records (CLR)	—	355.00	870.20	—	355.00	870.20
10	Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)	6827.00	8270.21	15078.33	8362.04	8553.91	14238.09

Total Utilisation is out of the total available funds which include State release, Opening balance and Miscelaneous receipts.

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NFFWP-Launched during 2004-05

*Commutative figure of expenditure since inception (2000-01).

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