

Poor utilization of financial sources by Jharkhand

2553. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a team of Planning Commission visited Jharkhand recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the matter discussed with the Chief Minister of Jharkhand;
- (c) whether the State Government has been accused of poor utilization of Central assistance;
- (d) if so, the reasons for poor utilization of financial sources; and
- (e) the steps taken for full utilization of financial resources by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) Yes, Sir, a team of Planning Commission headed by Member-Secretary, Planning Commission had visited the State of Jharkhand during 19th October to 20th October, 2010.

(b) A number of issues were identified including enhancement of borrowing limit of the State, latest status on Airport at Deogarh, sharing pattern on 50:50 basis for construction of railway network, enhancement of Central Assistance under Subarnarekha project and considering it to be National Project and waiver of charges towards deployment of CRPF etc.

(c) State Government was not accused for under-utilization of the Central Assistance.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) All the necessary steps such as regular monitoring and evaluation of schemes have reinforced by the State Government to ensure full utilization of resources.

National Innovation Council

2554. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has set up National Innovation Council for preparing a roadmap for innovations;
- (b) if so, the aims and objectives of the Council;
- (c) whether the Council has been given a task to find ways and means of focusing innovations for inclusive growth; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) to (d) The Council will prepare a Roadmap for the Decade of Innovation 2010-2020. The various activities proposed to be undertaken by the Council will be in sync with the tasks assigned. The various tasks assigned to the Council are given in the Statement.

Statement

The tasks assigned to the Council

The Council will prepare a Roadmap for the Decade of Innovation 2010-2020. It has been assigned the task of:

- (i) Evolving an Indian model of innovation, with focus on inclusive growth
- (ii) Delineating policy initiatives within the Government, required to spur innovation
- (iii) Developing and championing innovation attitudes and approaches
- (iv) Creating appropriate eco-systems and environment to foster inclusive innovation
- (v) Exploring new strategies and alternatives for innovations and collaborations
- (vi) Identifying ways and means to scale and sustain innovations
- (vii) Encouraging central and State Governments to innovate
- (viii) Encouraging universities and R&D institutions to innovate
- (ix) Facilitating innovations by SMEs
- (x) Encouraging all important sectors of the economy to innovate
- (xi) Encouraging innovation in public service delivery
- (xii) Encouraging multi-disciplinary and globally competitive approaches for innovations
- (xiii) The council shall also promote the setting up of State and Sector Innovation Councils to help implement strategies for innovation in States and for specific sectors.

Allocation of funds to States

2555. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the overall allocation of funds provided under the various major programmes for the last three years and also for 2010-11; and