

(iv) Railways

The projected investment in railways, including metro railways, in the Eleventh Five Year Plan is now expected to be about Rs. 2,00,802 crore which is 23.3% lower than the earlier projection of Rs. 2,61,808 crore. Both Central sector investment and private investment are lower than the original projections. As per latest estimates only Rs. 8,316 crore is expected by way of private investment which is only 16.5 % of original projections.

(v) Ports

Progress in this sector has been much below expectations. The investments during the Eleventh Five Year Plan are now projected at a level of Rs. 40,647 crore which is less than half of the original projection of Rs. 87,995 crore. Private investment in the port sector is also expected to be almost 40.31 per cent lower as compared to the projections made at the beginning of the Plan. This is because very few public private partnership (PPP) projects have been awarded by the respective Port Trusts in the first two years of the Eleventh Five Year Plan. Ministry of Shipping has revised the original target of 545 MMT of additional capacity for the major ports downwards and now proposes to develop only 48 projects with a capacity of 393 MMT costing Rs. 29,905 crore over the Eleventh Five Year Plan period.

Compared to the slow progress in capacity addition in major ports, the private sector ports in the State sector have done relatively well. Out of the total private investment of Rs. 32,517 crore projected for the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the share of private investment in the State sector is Rs. 26,370 crore.

(b) The Government has set up the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure (CCI), under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister to consider and take decisions in respect of all infrastructure projects costing more than Rs. 150 crore; lay down annual parameter and targets for performance for all infrastructure and review progress of infrastructure projects.

(c) and (d) Same as (a) above

(e) The administrative ministries/Departments concerned conduct periodical review meetings to review the progress in achieving targets. Cabinet Secretariat has specified that quarterly and annual targets for infrastructure sectors for the year 2010-11 shall be approved by the CCI. After approval, the progress achieved in respect of each case will be reported to the CCI on a quarterly basis.

Committee for development of Bundelkhand

†1793. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Planning Commission has set up any committee for development of the backward Bundelkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is preparing any action plan to remove backwardness of Bundelkhand as per the recommendations of the said committee; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to remove backwardness and developmental pendency of Bundelkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) to (d) To Monitor the implementation of the special package announced by the Government, of India for implementation of drought mitigation strategies for the Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, a Monitoring Group has been constituted by the Government of India with the Members, Planning Commission in-charge of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh as chairperson and co-chairperson. The Chief Secretaries of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, Secretaries of concerned Central Ministries/Departments, Chief Executive Officer of National Rainfed Area Authority are its members.

Further, Planning Commission has constituted an Advisory Committee on the special package for Drought Mitigation Strategies in the Bundelkhand regions of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. The Advisory Committee chaired by the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission comprises of Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning, all Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Bundelkhand regions, Members concerned of Planning Commission and the Chief Executive Officer, National Rainfed Area Authority as its members.

The special package for implementing drought mitigation strategies envisaging an investment of Rs. 7266 crore over a period of three years in Bundelkhand regions of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and is already under operation with the above two committees are monitoring and guiding its implementation.

Flagship programmes

1794. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of flagship programmes have been formulated and implemented successfully by Central Government through State Governments;

(b) if so, whether names of these successful programmes by Government are changed by any State Governments as if it were created, formulated and implemented by the State Governments itself;

(c) if so, whether Government has requested the State Governments not to change the names of the programmes made by Central Government as these are in the names of national leaders who offered their life for the growth of this country, like Jawaharlal Nehru Solar Power Mission, Indira Awas Yojana etc.; and