

(a) whether a proposal to decentralize the planning, implementation and monitoring processes of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) works is under consideration;

(b) whether Government is planning a national strategic framework using the Geographical Information System (GIS) for the purpose;

(c) whether the use of GIS will help capture existing assets created under MGNREGS with their location, status and other information on the basis of which periodic assessment can be done and policy for their management can be developed; and

(d) whether this move will help the Ministry to bring in greater transparency and accountability in the implementation of the Scheme as real time data would be available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to use Geographical Information System (GIS) under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. In this regard, Ministry of Rural Development has set up an Expert Group to prepare a strategy for nationwide rollout and to evolve parameters for standardization with an objective to link GIS with grass root participatory planning and asset management and monitoring.

(c) Use of GIS will strengthen decentralized participatory planning, implementation, capturing and monitoring of assets and evaluation of the works under MGNREGA.

(d) Yes, Sir.

#### **Release of PMGSY VIIIth Phase funds to Uttar Pradesh**

†2310. SHRI JAI PRAKASH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued the next installment for the seventh stage under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to Uttar Pradesh during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the details of amount requested by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh under this scheme for allotment; and

(d) the length of road in rural areas that would be constructed to connect villages, thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) Uttar Pradesh has been released Rs. 2,348.89 crore under Phase-VII of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). Out of this Rs. 938.00 crore has been released in the current financial year 2010-11.

(c) Funds under PMGSY are released to States depending upon their demand, absorption capacity, works undertaken and fulfilling of certain conditions laid down in the programme guidelines for release of funds. So far Rs. 9,513.93 crore has been released to the State Government since, inception of the programme.

(d) The project proposals for construction of 41,945 km. of road length for providing connectivity to 11,367 habitations have been sanctioned to Uttar Pradesh under PMGSY upto September, 2010. Against the target of 8,011 km. of road length proposed under the Phase-VII, 6,804 km. length of road works have been completed till September, 2010.

#### **Construction of school toilet units in Uttar Pradesh**

2311. DR. AKHILESH DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of school toilet units approved and constructed so far in Uttar Pradesh with Central assistance, district-wise;

(b) the number of Government schools in the State which are still not having toilets; and

(c) by when all the schools in the State will have toilet units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS. AGATHA SANGMA): (a) to (c) The Government of India administers the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), a comprehensive programme started in the year 1999 to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with the main objective of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment. TSC is demand driven, project based programme taking district as a unit. The School Sanitation and