

Construction of mini-sewage plant in every village of the country

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is formulating any scheme to construct one mini-sewage treatment plant in every village of the country including Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the funds allocated/proposed to be allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI AGATHA SANGMA): (a) No, Sir. 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. Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) is an integral component of TSC with a provision for expenditure up to 10% of the project outlay. Under this component activities like common compost pits, low cost drainage, soakage channels/ pits, reuse of waste water, system for collection, segregation and disposal of household garbage etc. may be taken up. However, there is no provision for construction of mini sewage treatment plant in villages under the programme including Maharashtra.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Utilization of funds allocated under MGNREGS

1378. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about Rs. 40,000 crore was sanctioned for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for 2010-11;

(b) if so, whether the spending of this amount is proportionate, so far and the details of the amount spent upto the month of December, 2010 with respect of different States; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. A Budget provision of Rs. 40,100 crore has been made for Mahatma Gandhi NREGA for the year 2010-11.

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