

- (ii) Payment of wages in cash has been allowed in IAP districts where outreach of Banks/Post Offices is inadequate as an interim arrangement subject to certain conditions.
- (iii) To strengthen the institutional outreach for wage disbursement, it has been decided that State Governments should roll out the Business Correspondent Model to make wage payment through Banks with Bio-metric authentication at village level.
- (iv) Permissible administrative expenditure limit was enhanced from 4% to 6% for deployment of dedicated staff for MGNREGA, strengthening management and administrative support structures for social audit, grievance redressal and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure.
- (v) States have been instructed to establish State Employment Guarantee Funds for greater flexibility in management of funds for MGNREGA.

Funds for capacity building of Panchayats

4327. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has proposed that 1 percent of its budget for rural development schemes be transferred to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj for capacity building; and

(b) whether the Planning Commission, which has reservations on an earlier proposal to pool 2 percent of the funds for Centrally Sponsored Schemes with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj for capacity building of Panchayats, has approved, or is required to approve, the present proposal of the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN) : (a) and (b) Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation offered to transfer one per cent of the allocation of resources to Ministry of Panchayati Raj for strengthening the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRJs) in the country. The proposal was considered by Planning Commission and has agreed to in principle.

Sanctioning of projects under Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Yojana

4328. DR. VIJAY MALLYA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: