

Statement-II*Funds released to State/UTs under ICT assistance*

Sl. No.	States/UTs	2010-11 in Rs. (crore)	2011-12 in Rs. (crore)	Total in Rs. (crore)
1.	Himachal Pradesh	1.00	--	1.00
2.	Haryana	1.00	--	1.00
3.	Tripura	0.50	--	0.50
4.	Karnataka	1.00	--	1.00
5.	Kerala	1.00	--	1.00
6.	Jharkhand	0.20	--	0.20
7.	Rajasthan	--	1.00	1.00
8.	Andhra Pradesh	--	0.50	0.50
9.	Sikkim	--	0.50	0.50
10.	Delhi (DUSIB)	--	0.65	0.65
TOTAL		4.70	2.65	7.35

Man made rain water harvesting projects

4561. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not even 10 per cent of rainfall is utilized in man-made rain water harvesting projects;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to improve technology for rain water harvesting under the Twelfth Plan, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the tentative percentage of rainfall that is currently being harvested by India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (c) No assessment has been made regarding the percentage of rain water harvested and utilized through the man-made rain water harvesting projects. However, utilization of rainfall in man-made rain water harvesting projects varies from place to place depending upon various factors like evapo-

transpiration, evaporation losses, surface ruggedness, terrain slope, infiltration capacity, runoff generated etc. Water being a state subject, several measures for rain water harvesting have been taken up by the State Governments, which *inter-alia* include creation of storages, restoration of water bodies, roof top rain water harvesting and artificial recharge to groundwater. For man-made rain water harvesting, a large number of major, medium and minor water resources projects including the water storage structures under watershed development programmes have been taken up in the country. As per the Central Water Commission's latest tentative assessment, the total live storage capacity created in the country so far is 253.388 billion cubic metre (BCM) and further reservoirs with live storage capacity of 50.74 BCM are under construction.

(b) The technologies for rain water harvesting are already available and their improvement is an on-going process through Research and Development and action research by various institutions/agencies.

Fall in poverty level

4562. SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether this is a fact on one hand the Planning Commission and Ministry of Rural Development has declared that poverty level fall by 7 percentage points in five years taking into consideration Tendulkar Committee Methodology as reported in news on 20 March, 2012 and on the other hand the Ministry of Planning had contradicted this statement and stated that the Government has taken a decision to set up a technical group to revise the methodology for estimating poverty in a manner consistent with the current realities' as reported in newspaper on 22 March, 2012;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for two different views on the same matter by the two different Ministries in the UPA Government; and

(c) the correct factual position on this so that the actual poverty level and the people living in poverty can be accessed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (c) Planning Commission is the nodal agency in the Government for estimation of poverty at the national and State level and hence, other Ministries and Departments of Government do not estimate poverty. The methodology for estimation of poverty has been reviewed from time to time. The Expert Group headed by Prof. Suresh D. Tendulkar that submitted its report in