

Concurrent evaluation of spending

1536. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any proposal for concurrent evaluation of spending of the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development conducts Concurrent Evaluation of its programmes AT regular intervals. These evaluation studies cover both physical and financial aspects of the programmes.

IAY houses with toilets facilities

1537. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) are being operated by separate departments;

(b) if so, whether IAY houses are being built without toilets and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that IAY housing projects are constructed with toilets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) scheme has been dovetailed with Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) Programme w.e.f. 20th December, 2006 and the IAY beneficiary can avail fund available under that Programme for construction of a toilet with the IAY house. To ensure compliance of these instructions, a letter has been issued to the State Governments to make it mandatory that all IAY beneficiaries simultaneously are sanctioned one toilet each under TSC.

Even though construction of Sanitary latrine is an integral part of an IAY house, many beneficiaries do not construct toilets due to cultural and social norms.

Achievements of CAPART

1538. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN-SOZ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is satisfied with the achievement of the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) or else he was thinking of winding up the institution; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that foreign funding for this organization is declining?