Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) through State Governments/UT Administration with the objectives of bringing about holistic development and overall improvement in the quality of life in rural areas through providing employment, rural connectivity, basic amenities.

Various Central agencies are involved in PMGSY in Bihar, Jharkhand and Tripura and no proposal from them for security coverage has been received.

Identification of development projects under MGNREGS

1847. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked the States to identify development projects under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) to ensure work available for those in need mainly from agriculture labour who are in distress due to impending drought situation in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response from State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) The provisions of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) are effected as demand driven Schemes by the State Governments. Being aware of the fact that rainfall has been lower than normal in some parts of the country and that this may lead to an increased demand for employment under MGNREGA, the Union Rural Development Ministry has already written to the Chief Ministers of States to prepare a contingency plan for meeting increased demand for employment under MGNREGA. The States have been assured that in drought like conditions, the Central Government will be open to revision in the Labour Budget for the current financial year to meet the increased demand for employment. The State Governments have also been advised to prepare supplementary shelf of projects to meet increased demand for work with emphasis on water and soil conservation works so as to mitigate the impact of deficient rainfall.