

(c) the steps taken by Government in providing autonomy and freedom to the State Governments in extending the schemes to the beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN) : (a) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Rural Development allocates and releases the funds to all State Governments as per guidelines under all the allocation based programmes including Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY). Under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) funds are released based on the Labour Budget, utilization status and demand. National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) is implemented as State Plan and funds are allocated by the Planning Commission and releases are made by Ministry of Finance as Additional Central Assistance (ACA).

(b) Central allocation, releases and utilization made by Government of Tamil Nadu under SGSY.MGNREGA and NSAP during the last six years (*i.e.* from 2007-08 to 2011-12) are given as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme/ Programme	Central		Utilization
		Allocation	Release	
1.	SGSY	534.06	540.33	690.26
2.	MGNREGA	NA*	8517.21	534.06
3.	NSAP	1471.12	1471.12	1450.05

*Not Applicable.

Note: The utilization of fund is out of Available funds which include Opening Balance +Central Release + State Release + Miscellaneous Receipt etc.

(c) The programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development are implemented by the State Government/DRDA/Zilla Parishad as per the Programme Guidelines that provides adequate autonomy and freedom to the implementing agencies.

Mahila Gram Samanvayak

746. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to appoint Mahila Gram Samanvayaks, to secure socio-economic development of women in the rural India;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how far the women would be helped in achieving benefits through the above project;
- (d) whether such a project is proposed to be initiated in the tribal belts to begin with; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN) : (a) and (b) The National Mission for Empowerment of Women, Ministry of Women & Child Development has conceived a new model of delivery *i.e.* the 'Convergence Model' called the Poorna Shakti Kendras (PSK). The PSK is the focal point of action on ground through which the services to women at grass roots level are being facilitated. The activities of the PSKs are being managed by village level functionaries called the Mahila Gram Samanvayaks.

(c) It is envisaged that the women would be benefitted through enhanced availability and access to various Government programmes, schemes facilitated by the Mahila Gram Samanvayaks. They would work towards empowering women through disseminating information on all the Government programmes/schemes/services for them; maintaining a data base of target population; creating awareness generation on legal rights and entitlements; facilitating the availability and access to services across health, education and livelihood sector, training and capacity building on various issues like leadership, legal rights etc.; organizing women into clusters to access various resources and coordinate the outreach of services of various departments.

(d) and (e) PSK pilot has been initiated in the tribal districts Pali (Rajasthan), Kamrup Metropolitan (Assam) and Jaintia Hills (Meghalaya).

Performance of States under PMGSY

†747. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the phases which have been completed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in States, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.