

Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS), Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM), Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), etc.

(e) The Planning Commission constituted B.K. Chaturvedi Committee to look into the issue of restructuring of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) which submitted its report in September, 2011. The recommendations of the Committee, *inter-alia* include rationalizing the existing 147 CSS into 59; providing flexibility in physical and financial norms of CSS to all States to enable State Governments to meet their special needs; introducing Flexi Fund by earmarking 10% of budget allocation in all Flagship Schemes and 20% in other CSS, which could be used by the State Governments on sub-schemes or components of CSS for which guidelines should be notified by the concerned Ministries; reforming procedure for transfer of funds to the States so as to gradually move over to transfers through the State budgets to ensure full accountability of States; regular monitoring of CSS by concerned Ministry and Independent evaluation; and creating an interactive website and authenticated database for sharing experiences of States.

Direct Cash Transfer Scheme

1944. SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has launched a Direct Cash Transfer Scheme in 51 districts across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Direct Cash Transfer Scheme has been launched without putting in place the infrastructure necessary for its successful implementation; and

(d) whether the Government is aware that more than 55 per cent of rural Indians do not have bank accounts and they are yet to get UID cards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT)

was rolled out from 1 January, 2013 in 43 districts for 26 selected Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes in a phase-wise manner. 8 Districts of Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat States were not covered due to State Assembly Elections. The details of the identified schemes is given in the Statement-I. [Refer to the Statement Appended to the Answer to SQ No. 259 (Part a)]. The details of the districts identified for DBT is given in the Statement-II. [Refer to the Statement Appended to the Answer to USQ No. 1929 (Part b)]

(c) and (d) DBT roll out in 43 districts has been started only after having careful assessment about their readiness in terms of penetration of Aadhaar numbers and existence of bank accounts for the beneficiaries.

BPL population in Bihar

1945. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than half the population in Bihar is below the poverty line, as per the Tendulkar methodology;

(b) if so, whether Government is proposing any special assistance to Bihar to promote inclusive growth; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): (a) As per the Tendulkar methodology, 53.5 per cent of the population in Bihar is living below the poverty line in 2009-10.

(b) and (c) The Special Plan for Bihar was approved in 2003-04. An allocation of Rs. 1000 crore per annum was approved for the Special Plan during the Tenth Plan period after approval to the scheme in 2003-04 under the erstwhile Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana. The same allocation was approved to be continued during the Eleventh Plan period under the Backward Regions Grant Fund. This allocation was enhanced to Rs.2000 crore for 2010-11 and Rs. 1470 crore for 2011-12. An allocation of Rs.1500 crore has been made for 2012-13. Funds are being released for various projects on 100% grant basis.

The projects namely, Development of State Highways, Rail-cum-Road Bridge, Strengthening of Sub-Transmission System, Renovation and Modernization of Barauni