

(c) the details of targets in each field togetherwith the reasons for lagging behind in achieving the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The sectors of Coal, Steel and handling of goods at major ports are lagging behind in the current financial year with regard to targets set for the period. However, in the case of up-gradation of National Highways the achievement, has exceeded the target for the period. Even in the sectors of Coal, Steel and handling of goods at major ports, the achievement in the first months of the year has been higher as compared to the corresponding period of previous year.

(c) The details of targets and achievements are given below:

Sl.No.	Sector (Unit)	April-August 2005		April-August-2004
		Target	Achievement	Achievement
1.	Coal (Million Tonnes)	152.03	146.66	139.07
2.	Steel (Million Tonnes)	20.89	17.92	16.85
3.	Shipping (Million Tonnes) (Cargo handled at major ports)	167.10	166.63	146.77
4.	Roads (Kms.)	1466	2069	2269

Shortfall in target in the case of coal was largely due to heavy rains in some mining areas. In the market economy, the steel production is dependent on the market demand. Cargo handled at major ports was marginally lower than the target because of decline in POL import and fall in handling of fertilizers.

Replacing of NSSO

1798. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating measures to replace the National Sample Survey Organisation with National Commission on Statistics;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) in that context what would be responsibility of NSSO in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Government of India through a Resolution dated 1st June, 2005 has decided to set up a National Statistical Commission (NSC). The Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) and the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) will be merged into a single entity called National Statistical Organisation (NSO). The NSO will have two wings, namely, (i) Central Statistical Office (CSO) and (ii) National Sample Survey Office (NSSO). The existing National Sample Survey Organisation will be renamed as National Sample Survey Office.

Promotion of sports in Tamil Nadu

1799. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes sponsored to promote sports in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of sports persons from Tamil Nadu who represented at National and International level in various sports; and

(c) the total outlay, allocation and achievements made during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) 'Sports' is a State subject under the constitution. It is, primarily, the responsibility of the State Governments including Tamil Nadu for promotion of sports in the State and no State-wise programmes are sponsored by the Ministry. However, Sports Authority of India is implementing the following schemes for promotion of sports in Tamil Nadu.

1. Sports Authority of India—Training Centre (STC)

(a) Chennai

(b) Salem

2. Indigenous Games and Martial Art School Adopted—

Vivekanand Vidyalaya Kandha Podikara, Ambur, Tamil Nadu

3. Special Area Games (SAG)

Nagar Coil.