

[Shri Derek O'Brien]

year. The State Government once again released an additional sum of ₹ 400 crores. As of today, the Centre's liability towards West Bengal stands at ₹ 1,962.67 crores.

The Ministry of Rural Development has asked States to identify 2500 backward blocks for an Intensive Participatory Planning Exercise for MGNREGA for the coming financial year. There are 124 such blocks in West Bengal. The stated objective of the exercise is to intensify planning in the identified blocks. There are apprehensions that all future MGNREGA activities would be concentrated in these blocks only. Such a measure would be against the spirit of the MGNREGA which stipulates 100 days assured employment on demand to every job card-holder.

In 2012-13, West Bengal had achieved a total man days of about 20 crores which was 109 per cent higher than the national target. In 2013-14, the State was able to exceed its target once again. The West Bengal Government is committed to the MGNREGA Programme and could have made giant strides in implementing the Scheme had the State not been starved of funds. Will the intensification of the Scheme in a few blocks not adversely affect the implementation in other blocks, given that the Centre is already unable to release the full share of funds committed by it?

Demand to take steps for completion of construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojna (PMGSY) in Uttar Pradesh

श्री विशम्भर प्रसाद निषाद (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदय, उत्तर प्रदेश में प्रधान मंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना के अन्तर्गत सैकड़ों सम्पर्क मार्ग, जो वर्ष 2008-09 से 2011-12 तक स्वीकृत थे, अधूरे छोड़ दिये गये हैं। बुन्देलखंड के बांदा, हमीरपुर, चित्रकूट, महोबा, जालौन, झांसी, ललितपुर उक्त वर्षों के स्वीकृत सम्पर्क मार्ग, जो पी.एम.जी.एस.वाई. (प्रधान मंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना) के अन्तर्गत स्वीकृत थे, अधूरे पड़े हैं, सड़कें अधूरी है। जनपद बांदा में तिन्दवारी सिधौली सम्पर्क मार्ग, शेखूपुर से पचकौरी सम्पर्क मार्ग गत कई वर्षों से स्वीकृत होने के बावजूद अधूरे पड़े हैं तथा छिलोलर से भदांव सम्पर्क मार्ग, लोहरा का अवशेष कार्य, सया से अकौना सम्पर्क मार्ग का छूटा कार्य, कायल सम्पर्क मार्ग, मरौली से केवटनपुरवा सम्पर्क मार्ग का अधूरा कार्य तथा सिंहपुर से मझीवा सम्पर्क मार्गों के न बनने से हजारों लोगों को कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है।

अतः मैं सदन के माध्यम से पी.एम.जी.एस.वाई. (प्रधान मंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना) के उक्त सम्पर्क मार्गों के शीघ्र निर्माण कराने की मांग करता हूँ।

Demand to grant Central assistance to Keeriyaru Dam Project in Tamil Nadu

SHRI S. THANGAVELU (Tamil Nadu): Sir, Kiriyaaru Dam Project was planned with the aim of generating 500 megawatt electricity, drinking water, providing irrigation facilities for 10 thousand hectares of land spread across Sankarankoil Taluka, Sivakiri taluka and Thiruvengadam of Tirunelveli District, Vemabakoottai in Virudhunagar