Ray in Andhra Pradesh

3886. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that Government is implementing the Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS); if so, the details of the scheme;

(b)   whether it is a fact that under the scheme, Central assistance is extended for redevelopment/upgradation/relocation of slums on "whole slum" basis; and

(c)   if so, the assistance provided to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY), as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, for providing houses alongwith basic civil and social infrastructure for slum dwellers and urban poor. Under the Scheme, Government provides Central assistance to the extent of 50% to 75% with cost upper ceilings of ₹ 5 lakh and ₹ 4 lakh depending upon size of City and 80% assistance is provided for Cities in North-Eastern States and Special Category States.

(b)   Yes Sir, Projects for slum rehabilitation/development are taken on "Whole Slum" basis.

(c)   A total of 5 projects for construction of 2,286 DUs with total project cost of ₹ 128.91 crore involving Central share of ₹ 60.20 crore have been approved till date for 4 cities/towns in Andhra Pradesh. A sum of ₹ 26.10 crore has been released to Andhra Pradesh under RAY.

Appointment of Doordarshan correspondents

†3887. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is under consideration for making changes in the system of appointment on biennial basis for Doordarshan Correspondent (Stringer) on the lines of All India Radio Correspondents (PTC) and also with similar facilities;

(b)   will this step reduce rampant corruption on the pretext of appointments every alternative year; and

(c)   the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.