Solid waste management projects under JNNURM in Odisha

*529. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)   whether Government is running Solid Waste Management Projects under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for Odisha;

(b)   if so, the details of the districts of Odisha which have been provided Central assistance during the last three years for Solid Waste Management Projects, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c)   whether Government has received new proposals from the State, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) No Sir. No Solid Waste Management Project has been sanctioned for Odisha under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). The projects under JNNURM were considered by the Ministry subject to their technical appraisal from Technical Agencies, in conformity with the guidelines of the scheme and on receipt of approval/recommendations of the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC).

(c)   No proposal is pending as the mandate to sanction new projects under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) came to an end on 31.03.2014.

Programme for people going abroad as labourers

*530. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether Government is aware of the fact that mostly those who are not well-educated are going to Gulf countries for working as labourers,

(b)   whether Government is also aware of the fact that taking advantage of their position, many private placement agencies in collusion with foreign placement agencies are exploiting them, and

(c)   if so, whether Government has formulated any programme to check this trend so that those who want to work as labourers in foreign countries can have a nice/fine working atmosphere, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. Many labourers going to the Gulf countries are generally not