

Hydro Engineering College at Bilaspur

*211. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up a high-powered monitoring committee to expedite the commencement of work on the proposed Hydro Engineering College at Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its composition;
- (c) whether the high powered monitoring committee has held any meeting, so far; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (d) No, Sir. No such high-powered committee has been set up. A decision to establish an Engineering College in Bilaspur District of Himachal Pradesh was taken on 07.01.2009. In this connection, the NTPC Limited and the NHPC Limited have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of Himachal Pradesh on the 3rd March, 2012 and the 30th July, 2014 respectively. Further, a meeting was also held between the Minister of State (I/C) for Power and Minister of Technical Education, Government of Himachal Pradesh on 17.10.2014 at New Delhi wherein it was discussed to create a Section-25 company among Ministry of Power, Government of Himachal Pradesh along with NTPC Ltd. and NHPC Ltd. which would supervise, construct and operate the Modern Engineering College.

Expenditure on sanitation schemes

*212. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the expenditure on sanitation schemes is abysmally low as compared to other sectors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years and the current year, year-wise and scheme-wise; and
- (c) the action taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI CHAUDHARY BIRENDER SINGH): (a) No Sir.

(b) The central allocation and actual expenditure under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA)/Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), during the last 2 years and current year is as under:

(In ₹ crore)			
Year	Allocation (Revised)	Actual Expenditure	% Utilization
2012-2013	2500.00	2473.29	98.93
2013-2014	2300.00	2250.32	97.84
2014-2015 (Upto 30.11.2014)	4260.00	803.16	18.85

(c) The following steps are being taken up under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) to improve the situation:-

- The amount for Incentives/Assistance for Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) has been raised to ₹ 12000/- from the earlier amount of ₹ 10,000/-.
- The Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment Gurantee Act (MNREGA) convergence, which was a hindrance at the field level, has been removed. Now the entire payment of incentive for IHHL will be either from SBM(G) or MNREGA.
- Schools and Aanganwadi toilets will be constructed under the aegis of Ministries of Human Resource Development and Women and Child Development respectively.

Plans to monitor rivers

*213. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to revise/develop a policy for rivers and water in view of the current scenario in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government plans to monitor/survey/study rivers along with their catchments as these parameters are indicative of their health which needs to be closely monitored and would help in formulating a very effective policy; and

(c) whether Government proposes to audit various projects like constructed dams, canals, lifting of water, rain water harvesting etc. and the projects which are directly/indirectly linked with each other and impact water resources of the country?