

Release of funds for Narasaraopeta projects

1426. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be please to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that though Union Ministers have laid foundation stones in Andhra Pradesh towns like Narasaraopeta more than three months ago, work has not started on many of these projects for want of approvals/release of funds by the centre/State; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps would be taken to ground these projects without delay?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) The Union Urban Development Minister along with Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh visited Narasaraopeta in December, 2015 and laid foundation stones for construction of 1504 houses for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). The requisite approval for the construction of houses has been issued and funds released. There is no delay on account of approval or release of funds from Central Government. Foundation Stones for no projects under any schemes of this Ministry were laid.

Legislation to tackle trafficking of women and child

1427. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring omnibus legislation to tackle trafficking and address slavery, sexual exploitation and forced labour of women and child and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any task force under the Ministry of Women and Child Development has been set up to deal with different aspects of trafficking and effective monitoring, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by what time, the legislative measures would be finalised by Government?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir. An Inter-Ministerial Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Women and Child Development has been constituted on 16.11.2015 for preparing a comprehensive legislation on tackling various aspects of trafficking.