

**Elections in Panchayats**

68. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are many Panchayats where elections could not be held due to various reasons during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of such Panchayats in Odisha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In Union Territory of Puducherry elections to Panchayats could not be held due to litigation. Elections in 21 Gram Panchayats in the States of Maharashtra could not be held. In the State of Odisha also there are some Panchayats where elections could not be held.

(c) Information is being collected.

**Financial assistance for Mission Bhagiratha**

69. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has assured of giving money to Mission Bhagiratha started by Telangana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount that NITI Aayog agreed to give;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has also requested for change in the labour and material component under MGNREGA for Mission Bhagiratha;
- (d) if so, whether NITI Aayog has agreed to this proposal; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The proposal of the Government of Telangana for Mission Bhagiratha was forwarded to the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry of Finance considered the said proposal and opined that funding for the projects having longer gestation period requiring substantial amount of investment such as Mission Bhagiratha may not be considered from the head of 'Special Assistance' which has been created for specific purposes.

(c) No, Sir. No such proposal has been received from the State Government.

(d) to (e) Do not arise.

**Converging of multiple schemes and programmes**

70. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on a strategy to put in place a tracking system for monitoring health parameters of targeted beneficiaries by converging multiple schemes and programmes implemented by various Ministries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the schemes would be converged at the district, block and village level; and

(d) if so, by when, monitoring would be done on a real-time basis throughout the country, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAOINDERJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) has been constituted, *inter-alia*, to identify and map districts for implementation of the Nutrition Strategy-converging with National Health Mission high priority districts and Integrated Child Development Scheme high burden districts for greater synergistic impact. Report of the IMG is awaited.

(d) Provision for countrywide real time monitoring already exists in the Mother and Child Tracking System/Reproductive Child Health application of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

**NITI Aayog's recommendation on ailing public sector companies**

71. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has recommended disinvestment or closure of some ailing public sector companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAOINDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The issue of sick and loss making public sector enterprises is being analyzed and examined through Inter-Ministerial consultations.