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(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has conducted the tests in March, 2004; and

(c) if so, the results of the tests so conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As a part of the research and development activity in this new area, investigative studies and tests are being carried out on a regular basis. The test results are satisfactory. These tests form part of a step-by-step approach to better understand the various parameters in this new area.

Unspent MPLAD Fund

1024. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the unspent amount of MP Local Area Development (MPLAD) Fund has reached to staggering amount of Rs. 2,352 crore;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry is planning to give regular details of non-utilisation of funds in each session of Parliament; and

(c) if so, the details of how it would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. As on 9th June, 2004, the unspent amount of MPLADS Fund was Rs. 2352 crore.

(b) and (c) It has been decided that each Member of Parliament would be provided periodically the details of release of funds, its utilization, unspent balance and the physical progress of the works three times in a year during the Parliament Session.

Health Facilities in West Bengal

1025. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRASEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether food, health, health care and water facilities have not