

the end of the Twelfth Five Year Plan. The Government will undertake a review of BRLF after five years and in case the outcomes are not forthcoming as projected, the Government will be free to take back the grant and advise dissolution of BRLF.

6. One of the expectations from BRLF is that the experience of resolving the problems of the tribal and other poor communities should throw up recommendations to the Government on the changes required in programmes and policies. BRLF will periodically send its recommendations to the Government in appropriate ways.
7. For the release of the 2nd tranche of corpus fund amounting to ₹ 300 crore (Rupees Three Hundred Crore), the following are the conditions to be met by BRLF in addition to the above:—
  - (a) Completion of the process of hiring CEO and other core staff
  - (b) Formulation of basic operating policies, including grant approval & monitoring, HR policy etc.
  - (c) Conclusion of agreements with States regarding flow of programme funds to projects
  - (d) Selection of first batch of projects and start of work on ground
  - (e) The CSOs supported by BRLF should be able to reach out to at least 1,00,000 families
  - (f) At least ₹ 100 Crore (Rupees One Hundred Crore) of private contribution should be mobilized either through corpus contribution or through annual grants or through co-financing by other donors
  - (g) Improvement in scheme delivery should be documented
  - (h) Regularity of Board meetings in accordance with the letter and spirit of Byelaws of BRLF
  - (i) Proper management of Corpus with competent advice

#### **Budgetary provision for SPMRM**

2854. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM);
- (b) the total budgetary provision during 2016-17 under SPMRM; and

(c) the total budgetary provision during the above period under SPMRM for the States of North-Eastern region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV): (a) The Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission, approved by the Union Cabinet on September 16th, 2015 and launched by the Prime Minister on February 21st, 2016, is a flagship programme of the Government of India. The aim of SPMRM is to create rural growth clusters.

The Objectives of the Mission are:—

1. To improve quality of life/standard of living in Rurban clusters
2. To bridge the rural-urban divide
3. To reduce migration from rural to urban areas and eventually to facilitate reverse migration

The SPMRM intends to create 300 rural growth clusters across the country. These clusters will be developed through provisioning of infrastructure amenities in the area in an integrated and time-bound manner. In addition, the Mission focuses on developing skills and local entrepreneurship along with facilitating economic activities in the rural areas.

(b) The total budgetary provision in 2016-17 under Shyama Prasad Mukharjee Rurban Mission is ₹ 600 cr.

(c) The total budgetary provision in 2016-17 under SPMRM for the state of North-East Regions is ₹ 60.00 crores.

#### **Development of inland waterways**

2855. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding Government plans to develop inland waterways for carriage of goods and passengers;

(b) the details regarding costs involved therein and the modes of mobilisation of financial resources;

(c) which inland waterways corridors are proposed to be developed in the beginning and within what time framework;