Inclusion of villages in Villupuram, Tamil Nadu under SPMRM

1722. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has not identified any cluster of villages in Villupuram district in Tamil Nadu under the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission (SPMRM);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to include cluster of villages in that district under SPMRM in the future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission'(SPMRM) for development of rural clusters in the country. The objective of SPMRM is to stimulate local economic development, enhance basic services and create well planned Rurban Clusters. The Mission aims at development of 300 clusters in all States and UTs. The identification of clusters is based on the selection of the State Governments by adopting the methodology prescribed in the scheme. Ministry has already allocated 300 Clusters, out of them 11 Clusters are in Tamil Nadu. The selection methodology for Clusters under SPMRM has been formulated very scientifically based upon the parameters such as decadal population growth, increase in the land values, and decadal increase in non-farm workforce participation. As per the selection methodology and parameters, none of the sub-districts under Villupuram district comes under the Ministry's top 20 sub-district list for Tamil Nadu. Therefore, no Cluster was selected from Villupuram district.

Implementation of PMRDFs

1723. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellows (PMRDFs) scheme in various States/UTs in the country including Karnataka;

(b) the details of grants provided by Government during the last three years and the current year thereunder, State/UT-wise; and