

**Funds lying unspent in Jharkhand under NREG Yojana**

†2440. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around Rs.280 crores of National Rural Employment Guarantee Yojana is lying unspent with Jharkhand Government;

(b) if so, whether any clarification has been given by the State Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the action being taken by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) NREGA is a demand based programme. Work is to be provided to a registered job seeker having a job card within 15 days of the demand. Funds are released to the districts on submission of a proposal alongwith a certificate indicating utilization of atleast 60% of the available resources. Unspent balance at the end of the financial year is carried forward to the next financial year as opening balance for that year. During the year 2006-07, the State had spent Rs. 711.55 crores out of the total available funds of Rs.982.21 crore. During 2007-08, the State has, so far, spent Rs.270.28 crores out of the total available funds of Rs.617.16 crores.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

**Allocation of funds under PMGSY to Sikkim**

2441. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial allocation made by Government to Sikkim under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years and till date; and

(b) the details roads constructed and repaired, district-wise, under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Normative allocation and funds released against this allocation by the Central Government to State of Sikkim under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) since 2004-05 are as under:-

Year	Allocation	Funds released
2004-05	Rs. 20.00 crore	Nil
2005-06	Rs. 25.00 crore	Rs. 41.20 crore
2006-07	Rs. 25.00 crore	Rs. 36.85 crore
2007-08	Rs. 30.00 crore	Rs. 64.50 crore*

\* Upto 31st August, 2007

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