

W.B. support for Chhattisgarh District Rural Poverty Project

912. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has financially supported the Chhattisgarh District Rural Poverty Project with a sum of \$ 112.56 million; and

(b) if so, the social and economic development projects to be carried out from the World Bank funding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the information furnished by the Ministry of Finance, the Project will support activities of Institutional and Capacity Building, such as creation of common interest groups (CIGs), capacity building of Gram Panchayats, for carrying out their responsibilities, and activities of Community Investments such as carrying out of small sub-projects to demonstrate new techniques and options for livelihood improvement, and setting up Village funds through community cash contributions to finance operation and maintenance and other village development needs.

Rural Employment Generation Schemes

913. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing Rural Employment Generation Scheme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the persons benefited through this scheme during the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 till date, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U. V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Rural Development implements the Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana (SGRY) in all the States & Union Territories except Delhi & Chandigarh to provide additional wage employment along with food security through creation of social, economic and community infrastructure in the