

of the schemes taken up by the States from the ARWSP (Normal) funds and status of implementation of these schemes are not maintained at the Central Level.

In his Independence Day address to the Nation on 15th August 2002, the Prime Minister announced three programmes viz, (a) installation of one lakh hand pumps, (b) providing drinking water facilities to one lakh rural primary schools, and (c) revival of one lakh traditional sources of water. These programmes will be completed in two years i.e. during 2003—2005. Based on the number of Not Covered/Partially Covered habitations, and number of rural schools not covered with drinking water facilities, allocation of funds has been made amongst different State/UTs for the programmes. In so far as Uttar Pradesh is concerned, 10004 rural primary schools are to be covered with drinking water facilities—5002 in 2003-2004, and 5002 in 2004-2005, under the programmes announced by the Prime Minister.

Waste land maps by using satellite data

1674. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the waste land maps of the country, prepared, using satellite data are put into use by the Government for development of the land resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to periodically monitor the status and impact of the land resources development activities in the country using satellite data; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The information contained in the wasteland maps of the country prepared using satellite data is being utilized for prioritizing the projects under various ongoing watershed development programmes.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. In order to periodically monitor the status and impact of the land resource development activities in the country using

satellite data, the Department of Land Resources has sanctioned a project to National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad on Nationwide Land Use/Land Cover Analysis using IRS Wide Field Sensor Data on 1:1 million scale with a view to analyze changes in land use/land cover.

Utilisation of SGRY funds

†1675. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had taken a decision under SGRY that 50 per cent, 30 per cent and 20 per cent of the amount out of the amount allocated by Centre to the States for various developmental works shall directly be spent on the recommendations of Panchayats, Block Committees and District Board respectively;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that announcements are being made in many States for spending these funds not only as per the shelf of Panchayats but even as per the shelf of block committees too; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to prevent such misuse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U. V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) is being implemented by the Panchayati Raj Institutions at District, Block and Gram Panchayat levels. The works under the SGRY are taken up according to the Annual Action Plan (AAP) prepared independently every year by each Panchayat. The responsibility for preparation of the Annual Action Plan is that of the Zilla Panchayat at the District level, of the Panchayat Samiti at the block level and of the Gram Panchayat at the Gram Panchayat level.

(c) Does not arise.

Central assistance to Orissa for Indira Awas Yojana

1676. SHRI B.J. PANDA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa has asked for Central help for additional 1 lakh houses under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) for those

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