

Workshop on urban lakes, conservation and management

2843. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether an international workshop on Urban Lakes, conservation and management was organised in Hyderabad recently;
- (b) if so, whether lakes in Hyderabad are being revived;
- (c) if so, whether Netherlands has given grant for this purpose; and
- (d) if so, the amount thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) As per available information, State Government of Andhra Pradesh organised an International Workshop on Urban Lakes, Conservation and Management at Hyderabad from 16-18 June, 2003.

(b) to (d) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh is engaged in implementing Green Hyderabad Environment Programme 2002—2006 with the assistance of Royal Netherlands Government at a total cost of Rs. 206.56 crores. Out of this, Government of Netherlands contribution is Rs. 172.37 crores. The overall aim of the Programme is to achieve sustainable improvement of the living environment of the urban population in the Hyderabad Development Area with active stakeholder participation while aiming at gender equity and poverty reduction.

Central assistance to Rajasthan under IDSMT

2844. DR. ABRAR AHMED : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the Central assistance released to Rajasthan under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) Scheme during the Ninth Plan period;
- (b) the details of the districts benefited by the Scheme; and
- (c) whether the entire allocation of funds has been released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) central assistance amounting to