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Currently there are no plans for enlarging the scope of the Integrated Mission of Sustainable Development (IMSD).

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Gram Pilot Project of ISRO

3607. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is working with Karnataka Government to set up 'gram pilot projects' aimed at providing broadcasting, interactive training and computer connectivity to rural audiences;

(m) if so, by when it will become operational; and

(n) how many rural audiences proposed to be benefited in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(a) In a limited way it is operational since 1997 using ISRO facilities. A dedicated hub is proposed to be set up at Mysore.

(b) In the pilot phase, village from 3 districts are proposed to be covered.

Speedy clearance of Projects

3608. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified some projects for early clearance and its completion in time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;