

Watershed Development Programmes, State-wise allocation of funds is not made. The Watershed Projects are sanctioned and the funds are released as per the Guidelines for watershed development. During the year 2002-2003, Central release of Rs. 102.16 crores was made to the various districts of Andhra Pradesh for planning and development of watershed development projects. This includes an amount of Rs. 48.55 crores released to 11 identified drought prone districts under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP).

(b) As per the report furnished by the State Government, 115.91 lakh man-days of employment was generated on account of watershed development projects in Andhra Pradesh. This includes 97.47 lakh man-days of employment generated in the drought prone districts.

**Funds to Andhra Pradesh for implementation of
PMGSY Schemes**

2907. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government has urged the Centre to provide Rs. 750 crore per year for completing rural road network in the State for the next four years to meet the target set under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, whether they have submitted full details for utilisation of the amount;

(c) whether the Union Government has considered the request of Andhra Pradesh Government; and

(d) if so, by what time final decision for providing the amount is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) No proposal has been received from Government of Andhra Pradesh to provide Rs. 750 crore per year for completing the rural road network under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

(c) and (d) Do not arise.