

fixed by Government on the basis of the recommendations made by Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices.

**Lower allocation of funds for
water supply**

1112. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether paucity of funds is likely to hit water supply and sanitation programme in the country, as reported in the Economic Times dated February 5, 1986;

(b) if so, to what extent this would affect drinking water supply and sanitation schemes in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the reasons for providing lower allocation of funds during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to provide sufficient funds for the purpose to the States and particularly to Andhra Pradesh where there is an acute shortage of drinking water ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Keeping in view the resources allocated in the Seventh Five Year Plan for Water Supply and Sanitation Sector and the resources likely to be made available from other sources, the targets earlier contemplated for the International Water Supply and Sanitation Decade may have to be scaled down.

(b) According to the Mid Decade Review Conference held in Delhi on 16th and 17th October, 1985, the targets likely to be achieved at the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan in the country as a whole and in Andhra Pradesh in various sectors of water supply and sanitation are indicated below :

Sub-sector	Population coverage	
	Country as a whole	In Andhra Pradesh
Urban Water Supply	86.4%	75.4%
Urban Sanitation	44.7%	35.6%

(c) As against an expenditure of about Rs. 3977.59 crores estimated to have been spent on the Water Supply and sanitation sector during the Sixth Five Year Plan, an allocation of Rs. 6522.47 crores has been made for the sector during the Seventh Five Year Plan. Hence the reasons for providing lower allocation of funds do not arise.

(d) Water Supply and Sanitation is a State subject and the schemes are formulated and executed by making provision in the State budget. The Centre, however, gives grants to the States for covering problem villages under the scheme of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme administered by the Deptt. of Rural Development. Central grants for Urban sanitation are available under the scheme of Liberation of Scavengers employed on manual removal of night soil, administered by the Ministry of Welfare. Loan assistance is also provided for Low Cost Sanitation for towns covered under Integrated Development of Medium and Small Towns. Loan facilities are also available from LIC, HUDCO, World Bank and Bilateral Agencies.

**Coordination between Publications
Division and National Book Trust**

1113. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any coordination has been ensured between the Publications Division and the National Book Trust so as to avoid any publication in the matter of publication of various titles in different languages;

(b) if so, how such coordination has been arranged; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) to (c). Yes Sir. Before the annual publication programme is finalised by the Publications Division, the National Book Trust is consulted to avoid duplication.