

Per Capita Expenditure Incurred in Rural and Urban Areas

7226. SHRI SHIVLAL NAGJIBHAI VEKARIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any disparity in the per capita expenditure incurred in rural and urban area;

(b) if so, the proportion thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up any commission to conduct a survey to remove this disparity; and

(d) if so, by when the commission is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Per capita monthly household consumption expenditure in 1990-91 according to the 46th round of National Sample Survey was Rs. 202.12 in rural areas and Rs.326.75 in urban areas. Rural to urban proportion in this respect was 1: 1.62.

(c) and (d) The Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97) document prepared by the Planning Commission sets out the strategy and programmes for agricultural and rural development. Which will contribute to increase in investment and income in the rural areas.

Rural Sanitation Programme under JRY in Karnataka

7227. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether latrines and streets etc. are

being constructed under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana in the rural areas of Karnataka State; and

(b) if so, the number of villages yet to be provided with these facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The primary objective of JRY is generation of additional gainful employment for the unemployed and the under-employed persons, living below the poverty line in rural areas. All works which result in strengthening of rural economic infrastructure and also creation of assets in favour of the rural poor for their direct and continuing benefits, including construction of latrines and streets, etc. can be taken up under JRY by the implementing agencies themselves, namely, the District Rural Development Agencies and the village Panchayats, in respect of their respective shares of funds under JRY. Construction of sanitary latrines is an essential component of houses constructed under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), a sub-scheme of JRY.

Since the works to be taken up under JRY are decided by the Implementing Agencies themselves as per the felt needs of the people, no targets are fixed or statistics maintained on the number of villages yet to be provided with these facilities in the rural areas of any State. However, at the national level only about 2 percent of the rural population has been covered under the rural sanitation programme so far.

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7228. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA