

Defence Lab., Jodhpur have been sanctioned to all States/UTs.

35 RO Plants and 20 ED Plants are being installed in 11 Mini Mission Project areas.

Scientific source finding in 2065 no. of villages and source creation and development in 2158 no. of villages is being carried out.

23 Voluntary Agencies have been selected for Implementation of Technology Mission Programme.

Engineering packages for Defluoridation Plants for various capacities, excess iron removal plant, water quality assessment facility have been prepared.

11 no. demonstration defluoridation plants and 5 no. Iron removal plants have been installed in the State of Tripura, U.P., A.P., Gujarat and Haryana.

Water quality analysis in 20 Mini Mission districts have been completed.

7 demonstration camps for defluoridation and iron removal have been organised.

During the current year, funds amounting to Rs. 16.5 crores have been earmarked for the schemes of rain water harvesting structures, afforestation, soil conservation, etc under RLEGP pattern. So far such schemes have been sanctioned for the Mini Mission Project areas of Kachchh, Jamnagar, Bankura, Aizawal and Gurgaon.

55 Mini Mission Project Areas (districts) have been taken up in various States/UTs (list enclosed).

5 Sub-Missions have been taken up on:

- (a) removal of excess iron,
- (b) control of brackishness
- (c) eradication of guinea worm
- (d) control of fluorosis; and
- (e) Scientific source finding water quality, quantity monitoring and assessment, conservation of water and recharge of aquifers

Against the target of coverage of 50,570 problem villages including habitation and partially covered villages, 38,066 villages have been covered till mid January, 1988.

Against a target of coverage of 176.53 lakhs, population with safe drinking water facilities in 1987-88, 154.10 lakh population has been covered till December, 1987.

Vayudoot Service in A.P.

982. SHRI BHATTAMSRIRAMAMURTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places in Andhra Pradesh airlinked by Vayudoot service so far;

(b) the number of services which are remunerative;

(c) the services closed/proposed to be closed;

(d) whether the Vayudoot service to Hyderabad has since been closed; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA): (a) The stations airlinked by Vayudoot in the State of Andhra Pradesh are as follows:

1. Hyderabad
2. Cuddapah
3. Rajamundry
4. Tirupati
5. Vishakhapatnam
6. Vijayawada
7. Warrangal
8. Ramagundum

(b) None of the routes operated by Vayudoot in the State of Andhra Pradesh is remunerative at the existing fare structure.

(c) Vayudoot operations to Cuddapah and Warrangal have been suspended as the runway at Cuddapah had developed cracks and requires repair.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.