

(b) and (c). Out of the total ceilings of expenditure of Rs. 33.40 crores approved for flood relief, rehabilitation and restoration to Himachal Pradesh, a ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 1.70 crores has been earmarked for reclamation of damaged lands in the affected districts of the State.

(d) The ceilings of expenditure approved for flood relief for Himachal Pradesh are valid till 31st March, 1989.

### **Technology Mission on Drinking Water**

323. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Technology Mission on drinking water envisages continuous monitoring and evaluation of the drinking water supply schemes;

(b) if so, whether any schemes or villages have been covered by such monitoring and evaluation since the inception of the Mission till date; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof alongwith mechanism of monitoring/evaluation, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The mechanism of monitoring/evaluation is through monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports in the prescribed formats, visits by the officers to States/UTs, discussions in meetings/conferences held at suitable intervals etc. The main findings are that while financial and physical targets for coverage of villages and population

benefited will be achieved on an overall basis. There will be some shortfalls in a few States. Any shortfall is immediately brought to the attention of the States.

### **Legislation to provide more Powers to Panchayats**

324. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring legislation to provide more powers to Panchayats and Cooperatives to make their functioning more effective; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be brought forward?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY):

(a) and (b). The subject of revitalisation of the panchayati raj system is under active consideration of the Government.

### **B. Ed. College under Berhampur University as Advance Institute of Education**

325. SHRI SOMNATH RATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Berhampur University in Orissa or Orissa Government have recommended any B. Ed., Colleges under Berhampur University to be upgraded as Advance Institute of Education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any team from University Grants Commission has been deputed to examine and ensure whether those colleges have requisite infrastructure to be raised to