

(c) Does not arise.

### **Supply of Drinking Water to Coastal Villages**

7211. DR. T. KALPANA DEVI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comprehensive Piped Water Supply Scheme for supply of drinking water to the coastal villages of Uddanam area of Srikakulam district in Andhra Pradesh has been approved by Union Government;

(b) the estimated cost of the project;

(c) whether there is any proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government to seek external financial assistance from Norway and Sweden;

(d) if so, whether Union Government have given approval for obtaining the external assistance for the C.P.W.S. Scheme; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY):  
(a) No, Sir.

(b) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 6.9 crores.

(c) While forwarding the project, the State Government had sought external financial assistance from Norway and Sweden. However, according to the prescribed procedure, the funding agency is not decided by the State Governments. The projects which are given technical clearance by this Department in regard to suitability for

posing for bilateral assistance are forwarded to the Ministry of Finance who determine the bilateral agency to which the project is to be posed.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The project is under technical scrutiny in the Department of Rural Development.

### **Safeguarding of Indian Origins in Jalalabad**

7213. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD:  
SHRI SHARAD DIGHE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to recent reports about the killing of persons of Indian origins near Jalalabad in an intensified attacks on that city by Afghan rebels;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for the safety and security of the Indians living there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government have received these reports with anguish. Our concern at the security and safety of the persons of Indian origin, as well as Indian nationals presently in Afghanistan, has been conveyed to the Government of Afghanistan who have assured us of their cooperation in this regard.