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Identification of Families below Poverty Line under IRDP

3404. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work pertaining to identification of families living below the poverty line in the country which was taken up in 1986 under Integrated Rural Development Programme was suspended later on;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to resume the process; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) According to the guidelines, the survey for identification of families under IRDP should first be confined to the families with income upto Rs. 3,500 only. Only if the number of identified families is less than 125% of the total target for assistance in a year the surveying authorities should go beyond the income level of Rs. 3,500 to Rs. 4,800. The survey should be completed, before February every year so that the cases of identified families could be sponsored right from the commencement of the next financial year. However, some of the states do not carry out the household survey every year on account of large number of identified families available for assistance. The Minis-

try had not issued any instructions for suspension of the household survey for identification of beneficiaries.

(b) to (d). Question does not arise.

Implementation of Integrated Child Development Services Scheme

3405. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets fixed for the implementation of Integrated Child Development Services Scheme in the States have been achieved;

(b) if not, whether any Central agency has assessed the implementation of the scheme;

(c) whether the suggestions of the evaluation committee have been accepted and implemented; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. Most of the targets fixed for the implementation of Integrated Child Development Services Scheme in the States have been achieved. A statement showing the position in this regard is given below.

(b) to (d). In view of the reply to part (a) above, (b), (c) and (d) do not arise.