

National rural employment programme since October, 1980

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Will the Minister RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to lay a statement showing :

(a) state-wise estimate of assets created under the National Rural Employment Programme since October, 1980 ;

(b) details of projects which were taken up and are planned to be taken up under the programme ;

(c) names of the States which are lagging behind and reasons therefor ;

(d) State-wise expenditure incurred on this programme each year ; and

(e) does this rural employment programme cover hill areas and re-remote area in forests too; if so, special features of the programme in such areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM) : (a) Complete information in regard to assets created under Rural Employment Programme in different States/UTs. since October, 1980 till date has not been received. However, on the basis of the information received so far statement I indicating the assets reported to have been created under the programme during this period is laid on the Table of the House [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-3701/82*].

(b) Projects relating to construction of rural roads, minor irrigation and flood protection works, school

and lalwadi buildings, village tanks, drinking water well etc. afforestation and social forestry works and soil and water conservation works were taken up under the programme. Similar works are proposed to be taken up in future also.

(c) States/UTs. named below are lagging behind in implementation of the programme. As such, funds for the 3rd and 4th quarters of the current year have not been released to them. The main reason for this is slow pace of utilisation of the resources by these States :

1. Bihar
2. Jammu and Kashmir
3. Manipur
4. Meghalaya
5. Sikkim
6. Arunachal Pradesh
7. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
8. Pondicherry
9. Chandigarh

(d) State-wise expenditure reported to have been incurred during the years 1980-81 and 1981-82 is given in [Statement-II laid on the Table of the House. [*placed in Library. See No. LT-3701/82*]

(e) National Rural Employment Programme covers all rural areas including hill areas and remote areas in forests. All types of works which result in creation of durable community assets can be taken up in these areas also with particular emphasis on afforestation and social forestry programmes.