

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:277
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DIVERSION OF FUNDS UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether substantial amount of funds earmarked for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in West Bengal has been remained unutilized and returned to the Central Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government have received complaints of large scale diversion of funds from the Panchayati Institutions to the party cadres;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the action taken against the officials responsible for the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

- (a) Expenditure reported by the State, out of funds released to the State, for the years 2000-01 to 2002-03 is as given below. No amount has been returned as having remained unutilized.

Year Release (Rs. crore) Expenditure(Rs. crore)

2000-01	135.00	102.22
2001-02	149.65	111.39
2002-03	159.52	

- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) & (e) Questions do not arise.