

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1228
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2004
FUNDS UNUTILIZED BY ARTISANS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
Purandeswari Smt. Daggubati

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether CAPART gave a financial assistance of more than Rs.13.21 lakhs to rural development projects through Artisans International Foundation one of the NGOs;
- (b) whether the NGO failed to use the funds sanctioned for the purpose; and
- (c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

- (a) Yes, Sir. CAPART sanctioned Rs.16.71 lakhs and released Rs.13.21 lakhs to the NGO, viz Artisans International Foundation for implementing rural development projects.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) The NGO has been blacklisted and FIR has been filed against it with the local police for the recovery of the misutilised grant.