

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SLOW PROGRESS OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Monitoring Authority of certain States convened a meeting in capital Delhi in the month of October,2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether deep concern has been expressed in the meeting regarding irregularities and slow pace of central schemes like `Food for Work Programme`, Sampoom Gramin Rozgar Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana etc.;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has formulated any effective scheme to check the irregularities and slow pace of these schemes;
- (e) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Rural Development convened a 2 days National Workshop of all the Project Directors/Chief Executive Officers of the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDA/Zilla Parishads) in Delhi in the month of October,2005. The objective of the Workshop was to take stock of field level problems and to find out ways for smooth and effective implementation of Rural Development Programmes so that the benefit of the schemes may reach the target groups.

(d) to (f): The Ministry of Rural Development has evolved a comprehensive system of monitoring the implementation of the programmes, including the utilization of funds, through the periodical Progress Reports received from the States/UTs, field visits by the Area Officers of the Ministry and reviews with the State Secretaries and with the Project Directors of the District Rural Development Agencies /Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Parishads/Panchayats as well as monitoring by the District Level Monitoring Agencies and National Level Monitors. Besides, Concurrent Evaluation and Impact Assessment Studies are also conducted to find out more effective ways of achieving the programme objectives. The Ministry of Rural Development has also adopted a four pronged strategy comprising

- (i) creation of awareness about the scheme
- (ii) transparency
- (iii) peoples partnership and
- (iv) accountability, in order to expedite the implementation of the schemes.