

have urged the Government for decentralisation of the planning process;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering the various suggestions given by these organisations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the decentralisation of planning process is likely to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d). Decentralised planning is a continuous process. While there is no formal proposal with the Planning Commission from the NGOs on decentralised planning, as a response to various demands from different quarters to take planning to the grass-root level, Government of India have taken a significant step through enactment of 73rd and 74th Amendment Acts. These Constitution Amendment Acts confer constitutional status on the Panchayats and Municipalities for undertaking planning within their respective areas of jurisdiction. Action to give effect to the above constitutional provisions is at different stages in the various States.

Employment to Youths

1685. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN :
SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT :

Will the Minister of RURAL AND AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of youths in rural areas provided employment during the year 1995 and the current year so far, separately;

(b) the number of youths likely to be provided employment in the year 1996;

(c) the number of unemployed persons registered in the employment exchange in the Orissa State as on June 30, 1996; and

(d) the financial and physical achievements made upto May 31, 1996 as against the targets fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (d). This Ministry is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM), under which training in relevant skills is provided to rural youth belonging to below poverty line families to enable to take up self wage employment.

2. The financial and physical achievements as well as employment provided under TRYSEM in the year

1995-96 and current year 1996-97 (upto May, 1996) is as under :

Year	Financial		Physical	
	Total allocation	Expenditure	No. of trained Youth	No. of trained Youth employed
	(Rs. in lacs)			
1995-96	9025.00	9327.43	287273	136271
1996-97	9025.00	276.23	15354	2727

* Physical targets under TRYSEM are not being prescribed by Central Government since 1995-96.

3. As per the latest information made available by Directorate General of Employment and Training (DGET) the number of job seekers in Orissa State, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, who were on the live Register as 31.3.1996 was 940.9 thousands.

Safe Water Supply in Aligarh

1686. SHRI JAG MOHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Aligarh City is facing a serious threat of epidemic due to severe water contamination;

(b) whether a study sponsored by an international institute for environment and development has found that 94 per cent of the City's water supply is contaminated; and

(c) the measures being taken to ward off the threat of epidemic, especially during the rainy seasons and also ensure clean water supply and safe drainage system in the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such report is available with the Aligarh Municipal Corporation.

(c) Daily chlorination of safe and potable drinking water supplied to the city and regular testing of residual chlorine in the different parts of the city are being done by the Water Works Staff of the Aligarh Municipal Corporation. Efforts have also been made through wide publicity to eliminate leakages in the system.

Supply of Coal Tar

1687. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Hindustan Petroleum, Bharat Petroleum and Indian Oil Corporation have entered into an