GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:224
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2004
DELIVERY SYSTEM OF FUNDS
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that only about 10% to 15% of the total allocated funds for various welfare schemes is reaching poor;

(b) if so, the reasons and details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to monitor the delivery system?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 224 REGARDING DELIVERY SYSTEM OF FUNDS BY SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21.07.2004.

(a) & (b): The Government is not aware of any study that shows that only 10% to 15% of the total allocated funds, for any Central or Centrally Sponsored Welfare Scheme targeted to the poor, are reaching them. The major welfare schemes targeted to the poor include Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Swaran Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY). However, the Government is aware that there is room for improvement in the delivery of some of these schemes. The Planning Commission will review the effectiveness of the delivery mechanism at the time of the mid-term review of the Tenth Plan.

(c): The implementing Ministries have systems of monitoring through mechanisms such as periodic progress reports, inspection by Government officials, Area-Officers` scheme, Performance Review Committees etc. In addition, regular impact assessment studies and evaluations of specific schemes are also undertaken. Further, the release of funds is subject to receipt of Utilisation Certificates and Audit Reports. Based on programme evaluation and review, the schemes have been restructured and redesigned from time to time.