GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PLANNING LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:189 ANSWERED ON:10.03.2010 UNSPENT PLANNED FUNDS Owaisi Shri Asaduddin;Ray Shri Rudramadhab

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some recent reports have revealed that a large sum of budget funds allocated to the key social sector schemes remained unutilised;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated to the various sectors and utilised during the last three years and the current year, sector-wise;

(c) the reasons for the amount which remained unspent, year-wise during the said period; and

(d) the measures contemplated to ensure that the planning process is not adversely affected thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTRY AFFAIRS (SHRI V.NARAYANASAMY)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 189 REGARDING "UNSPENT PLANNED FUNDS" RAISED BY SHRI RUDRA MADHAB RAY AND SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI DUE FOR ANSWER ON 10th MARCH 2010.

(a) to (d): Fund allocation under various social sector schemes is made keeping in mind the 11th Plan objective of faster and more inclusive growth. Government has enhanced the allocation for social sector development. The total funds allocated/spent for Social Services including Rural Development for last 3 years and 2009-10 is as under.

Years BE AE/RE AE/RE as % of BE (Rs in Crore)

2006-07 73,825 64,650 88

2007-08 91,402 80,291 88

2008-09 1,09,002 1,27,841 117

2009-10 1,46,671 1,41,896(RE) 97

(Anticipated Expenditure) BE = Budget Estimates ; RE = Revised Estimate; AE = Actual Expenditure

Note: The Social Sector includes social services and Rural Development that broadly covers Education, Health, Water Supply, Sanitation, Urban Development, Labour, Social Welfare and Nutrition, Welfare of SC, ST and Backward Classes and Rural Development.

The utilization of budgetary allocations for social services including Rural Development has ranged between 88 to 117% during the last three years. Scheme-wise details of the major social sector programmes are annexed.

The Central Nodal Ministries / Departments have well defined procedures to monitor the physical and financial achievements under different schemes. The State Governments are mandated to submit the utilization certificates for release of funds. In addition, Planning

Commission conducts half yearly review of all the sectors. Further, the Mid Term Appraisal of the Eleventh Five Year Plan will provide a clear picture of the utilization of funds vis-Ã -vis the achievement of targets. Officers of the Planning Commission also visit States for on the spot review of the implementation of the programmes in the States. This monitoring process ensures effective and efficient utilization of resources to achieve the desired outcomes.