

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5907
ANSWERED ON:08.09.2011
NIRMAL GRAM PURASKAR
Pathak Shri Harin;Premajibhai Dr. Solanki Kiritbhai

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has engaged some agencies to carry out survey work in connection with Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP);
- (b) if so, whether those agencies were technically and professionally competent to conduct field survey in rural areas;
- (c) if so, the criteria adopted by these survey agencies to hire local persons from Gujarat;
- (d) whether the survey agencies conducted field survey in a transparent and statistically sound manner and informed Gram Panchayats as well as other stakeholders about the survey objectives;
- (e) if so, the details of funds given to each of the agencies that conducted survey in NGP applicant villages in Gujarat during 2010;
- (f) whether the State Government of Gujarat has raised written objections to the findings of these survey agencies; and
- (g) if so, the action taken by the Union Government on the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The Terms of Reference (TOR) provided to the survey agencies mentioned that each survey team should consist of 1 supervisor and 2 investigators. All the members of the team should be at least graduates and should be able to communicate effectively in the local language.

(d): The agencies conducted the survey in accordance with the TOR and provided their reports as per the time schedule.

(e): The details of payments made to each of the agencies that conducted survey in NGP applicant villages in Gujarat during 2010 is as under:

S. No.	Name of Agency	Payments Made (Amount in Rupees)
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1	Action For Agricultural Renewal in Maharashtra	2010750
2	Agricultural Finance Corporation Ltd.	1938600
3	Asian Centre for Socio-Economic & Rural Development	2229000
4	Centre of Science for Villages	1700250
5	Indian Institute of Public Administration	1789667
6	Society for Social Services, MBC	2642908

(f)&(g): Yes, Sir. The communications were examined and since the objections raised were not in conformity with the NGP Guidelines, the State was informed accordingly.