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BHARAT NIRMAN YOJANA

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat Nirman Yojana is falling short of achieving its targets;
- (b) if so, the targets fixed and actual realization/achievements of physical component of the scheme during the last two years and the current year, State-wise and physical component-wise;
- (c) the details of targets and achievements in the implementation of the various components of Bharat Nirman Yojana in the country, State-wise;
- (d) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred during the last three years and the current year, year-wise, State-wise and component-wise;
- (e) the main reasons for not achieving the targets of the projects, if any; and
- (f) the corrective action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCE (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) : Bharat Nirman is a composite plan for connecting rural India through roads, electricity and telephones; ensuring basic services like housing and water supply and improving agricultural productivity and income through investments in irrigation. There are State specific and component specific variations in achievement of targets. However, at the aggregate national level some short-fall is indicated.

(b) to (d) : The details are annexed.

(e) : The reasons for shortfall in achieving targets of schemes being implemented under Bharat Nirman are sector specific and inter alia includes lack of contracting capacity in the States, delay in forest and environment clearance, prevalence of law and order Problems and non-availability of private land, non-availability of adequate sub-transmission system in States; escalation in cost of construction and financial viability of the projects, non-availability of home stead sites to BPL households in case of Indira Awaas Yojana, low quality housing and inadequate unit cost of housing, lack of capacity of Panchayati Raj Institutions in maintenance and upkeep of completed water supply schemes and capacity constraints of the community water users.

(f): The remedial measures taken for improving the pace of implementation of various components of Bharat Nirman, inter alia, include (i) allocating additional budgetary support (ii) strengthening of institutional capacity (iii) augmentation of contracting capacity (iv) proactive action for getting forest and environment clearance and (v) continuous monitoring of the physical and financial achievements under the different schemes by nodal Central Ministries/Departments. Further, the trend and pattern of expenditure of central Ministries/Departments are reviewed by the Ministry of Finance at regular intervals. The Planning Commission conducts half yearly review of all the sectors and suggests corrective measures to expedite the utilization of funds. This monitoring process ensures strengthening up of Bharat Nirman Schemes through effective and efficient utilization of resources for the desired outcomes.