

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1436  
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2012  
AGENCIES FOR NIRMAL GRAM PURASKAR  
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**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the agencies hired for survey work in connection with Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP) 2010 were technically and professionally competent to conduct field survey in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) 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 thereof;
- (f) the details of funds given to each of the agencies that conducted survey in NGP applicant villages in Gujarat during 2010 and 2011;
- (g) whether the Government of Gujarat raised verbal and written objections to the findings of these survey agencies; and (h) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in the matter?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The agencies engaged for conducting survey work in connection with Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP) 2010 had experience and expertise in conducting survey as per Terms of Reference (TOR).
- (c) The 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)& (e) The agencies conducted the survey in accordance with the TOR and provided their reports as per the time schedule through online reporting system maintained by the Ministry followed by hard copies. The details of the report were also shared with the State Government.
- (f) The details of payments made to each of the agencies that conducted survey in NGP applicant villages in Gujarat during 2010 and 2011 are as under:

Agency conducted survey in Gujarat during 2010    Payments Made (Amount in Rupees)

Action For Agricultural Renewal in Maharashtra-AFARM 2010750  
Agricultural Finance Corporation Ltd.    1938600  
Asian Centre for Socio-Economic & Rural Development 2229000  
Centre of Science for Villages (CSV)    1700250  
Indian Institute of Public Administration    1789667  
Society for Social Services, MBC    2642908

Agency conducted survey in Gujarat during 2011

Centre for Advanced Research & Development    1489500  
CMS, Research House    1747800  
DHV India Pvt. Ltd.    1431000  
DMG Consulting Pvt. Ltd.    1251918  
GFK Mode Pvt. Ltd.    1309770  
Poverty Learning Foundation    1769400

Sambodhi Research & Communications Pvt. Ltd. 1400400  
Santek Consultants Private Limited 1582200

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