GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PLANNING LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3360 ANSWERED ON:25.04.2012 LACK OF BASIC FACILITIES TO VARIOUS STATES. Amlabe Shri Narayan Singh

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether majority of population is still deprived of facilities like health, education, drinking water and employment in the country including Madhya Pradesh even after 61 years of independence;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether there have been reports of non-co-operative approach by some State Governments towards solving the said problems; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to resolve the same?

Answer

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

(a)to(b): There are still challenges of adequate access to health, education, drinking water& employment for a large proportion of country's population spread over different states. The State Governments are implementing several programmes to address these issues. The Government of India has also been implementing various flagship programmes through State Governments and their agencies in these sectors. These flagship programmes include National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the health sector; Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) & Mid Day Meal (MDM) in education sector; National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) in drinking water sector and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employee Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) for generation of employment. The Statewise Central funds released on account of these programmes for the year 2011-12 are given at Annexure.

(c): & (d): The State Government and the Central Government jointly work, through various programmes, to address the challenges. There is full co-operation from both sides.