

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF BHARAT NIRMAN  
Scindia Smt. Yashodhara Raje

**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Bharat Nirman Yojana is being implemented by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details of the actual progress made and funds allocated under the programme during the last three years, component-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether the said scheme fell short of its targets and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the various difficulties being faced in achieving the targets under the said scheme and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Bharat Nirman is a composite business 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. The components of Bharat Nirman are:

1. Rural Drinking Water (National Rural Drinking Water Programme)
2. Housing (Indira Awaas Yojana)
3. Irrigation (Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP))
4. Rural Roads (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana)
5. Electrification (Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY))
6. Rural Telephony.

There are State specific and component specific variations in achievement of targets. However, at the aggregate national level some short-fall is indicated. the reasons for shortfall in the 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.

The steps taken by the government 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) pro-active 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.

The details of the actual progress made and funds allocated under the programme during the last three years, component-wise and year-wise is annexed.