

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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UTILIZATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Outcome Budget of the Rural Development Ministry shows that in last fiscal year, out of their total allocation of Rs. 56,854 crore, States did not utilize Rs. 18,000 crore or over a one-third;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the name of the States with the lowest expenditure on rural development; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure proper utilization of funds in key sectors?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a): Yes, Sir. Outcome Budget of the Department of Rural Development (2009-10) shows that there is an unspent balance of Rs. 18639.48 crore as on 31.3.2009 for the four schemes, Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

(b) & (c): Percentage utilization of funds under SGSY, IAY, NREGA and PMGSY for the year 2008-09 are annexed. In order to maximize the utilization of funds, the Ministry has adopted five pronged strategy consisting of

- (i) Creation of awareness of the programmes,
- (ii) People's participation,
- (iii) Transparency,
- (iv) Accountability and
- (v) Vigilance and Monitoring of rural development programmes.