

Title: Need to clear the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government for setting up a Centre for Good Governance-Laid.

SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM) : The Andhra Pradesh Government have taken up a massive programme for reforms in administration. For this purpose a Centre for Good Governance is proposed to be set up. They would identify areas where reform is required and assist in its implementation. The Centre would initially work from Dr. MCR HRD Institute at Hyderabad.

The U.K. Department for International Development which has its own governance reform agenda proposes to participate in this venture. The Director, Asia Division of DFID will fund consultancy costs and a part of the running cost of the Centre for Good Governance. The DFID, UK has agreed to invest 5.9 Million Pounds in the above project. The clearance from the Department of Economic Affairs in this regard is still awaited.

I, therefore, appeal to the hon. Finance Minister to get the proposal processed and necessary clearance issued at the earliest so that the Centre could be started forthwith.