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Title: The Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development laid a statement regarding Status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 37th Report of the Standing Committee on Rural Development, pertaining to the Department of Drinking Water Supply, Ministry of Rural Development.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): On behalf of Shrimati Suryakanta Patil, I am laying this statement on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the Thirty-Seventh report of the Standing committee on Rural Development (Department of Drinking Water Supply) (14th Lok Sabha) in pursuance of the direction under 73 A of the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha bulletin, Part-II dated September 01, 2008.

The Thirty-Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Rural Development (14th Lok Sabha) was presented to the Lok Sabha on 17th April 2008. The report relates to the examination of Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Drinking Water Supply) for the year 2008-09. Action taken report on the recommendations/ observations contained in the report of the Committee was sent to the Standing Committee on 1st September, 2008.

There were 35 recommendations made by the Committee in the said report, wherein action is called for on the part of the Government. These recommendations mainly pertain to the issues concerning the schemes for Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation.

The present status of implementation of the various recommendations made by the Committee is indicated in the annex to my Statement, which is laid on the Table of the House. I would request that this may be considered as read.

* Laid on the Table and also placed in Library, See No. LT 10830/09

MR. SPEAKER: Now, let us dispose of a very short business, item no. 30, Shri Praful Patel. He has to open some airports. I would not have given this opportunity, unless it was somewhere in West Bengal. He persuaded me to agree to this.

Yes, Mr. Praful Patel. You may remember the special facility, when I wrote to you about some Bengal's matter.