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Title: Regarding status of implementation of the recommendations in the 4th Report of the Standing Committee on Rural Development. – Laid.

12.04 hrs.

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT PERTAINING TO THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR):
Sir, I lay the statement *on the Table of the House.

In pursuance of direction 73A of the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha issued vide Lok Sabha Bulletin-Part-II, dated September 01, 2004, I have the honour to submit the Hon'ble House its Statement on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 4th Report of the Standing Committee on Rural Development on the Demands for Grants (2004-2005) of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

A statement indicating the action taken/status of all the recommendations contained in the Standing Committee on Ministry of Panchayati Raj is annexed. It may be noted that the report contains 10 recommendations. These recommendations of the Committee were examined carefully by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and 9 recommendations were accepted and action taken thereon. One recommendation could not be accepted for reasons mentioned against this recommendation in the attached Annex. The action taken replies were sent to the Committee on 15th December, 2004.

Subsequent to the submission of the Action Taken Report, there has been further progress in action taken on the recommendations which have already been accepted. As regards the one recommendation that was not initially accepted, namely, obtaining a clear ruling from the Supreme Court in the matter of postponing elections by the States/Union Territories, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj have further considered the issue in the light of the 6th Report of the Committee and decided to initiate appropriate action as explained in the Annex.

*Statement was laid on the Table. (Placed in Library, See No. LT 2257/05)