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Title: Need to revise the time frame fixed for completion of Bharat Nirman Projects-laid.

DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA (DAUSA): As per the policy of the Government of India, under Bharat Nirman Programme, all the quality-affected habitations (34183) which include remaining NC habitations as per CAP-99 (2300) and slipped back habitations (17159) are required to be covered during the period 2005-09. In addition, all habitations which have slipped back from full/ partial/no coverage status due to failure of provisions of resources are also to be addressed.

There are mainly three problems in meeting the time frame of Bharat Nirman as per Government of India policy. Firstly with the present trend of funds availability under State share and Central share, it does not seem possible to arrange for funds required to solve problems of entire problematic habitations. Secondly, due to the limitations of quality and quantity, the ground water sources can no longer be considered dependable. Future trend will, therefore, be to cover group of villages from a common surface water source. These schemes shall be costly and shall have components like pipe lines, reservoirs etc. The conceptualization, preparation of detailed project report and tender documents, tendering process and physical execution of such projects is likely to take minimum of 3 to 4 years time. Thirdly, even if the measures mentioned in foregoing para are taken expeditiously considering the present fiscal absorption capacity, the same is likely to increase gradually over the years. Thus even if adequate funds required are made available, the constraints of physical and financial absorption capacity, it does not seem possible to cover all problem villages by March 09. It is estimated that the funds absorption capacity can be increased at the most by five times of the existing capacity within next five years, the most reasonable period by which the coverage of all problematic villages can be expected is by March 2013.

Considering large requirement of funds and implementation time for major projects, time frame for achieving targets for coverage of all problem habitations with safe and sustainable water supply, scheme needs to be extended up to March 2013 under Bharat Nirman.