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THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): I beg to lay a statement regarding the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 19th Report of the Standing Committee on Rural Development on Demands for Grants (2011-12), pertaining to the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

The Standing Committee on Rural Development (Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation) (15th Lok Sabha) examined the Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation for the financial year 2010-11 and laid its 19th report in the Lok Sabha on 18th August, 2011. The report contained 27 recommendations.

The Ministry considered the report and submitted the Action Taken Replies on the comments/observations of the Committee contained in the 19th report to the Standing Committee on Rural Development (Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation) on 19th December, 2011. Out of the 27 recommendations, the Committee accepted the ATR in respect of 20 recommendations. In respect of three recommendations, the Committee has not accepted the reply furnished by the Ministry. For four recommendations, final reply is awaited from the Ministry.

The present status of implementation of the 27 recommendations made by the Committee is indicated in the Annexure to my statement, which is laid on the Table of the House. To avoid wasting the valuable time of the House, I would request that the contents of the Annexure may be considered as read.

...(Interruptions)