

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) The grants released to Karnataka by the Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment during the last three years is given below:-

Year	Amount released (Rs. Crore)
1996-97	406.11
1997-98	465.34
1998-99	355.90 (Upto 15.2.99)

(b) and (c) Year-wise utilisation is given below :

Year	Amount utilised (Rs. Crore)
1996-97	577.40
1997-98	734.89
1998-99	397.86 (Upto 15.2.99)

(d) Does not arise.

Agricultural Marketing

19. SHRI C.P.M. GIRIYAPPA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have initiated fresh steps for strengthening, upgrading and expanding agricultural marketing network in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of funds allocated in this regard during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance to VO/NGO of Punjab

20. SHRI SATNAM SINGH KAINTH : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the assistance provided to the voluntary organisation and Non-Government organisations functioning at present in the State of Punjab during each of the last three years and till date;

(b) whether some applications for releasing the funds to NGOs in Punjab are pending for the last three years;

(c) if so, reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a)

Year	Amount released (Rs. in lakh)
1995-96	97.41
1996-97	64.23
1997-98	93.05
1998-99 (till 18.2.99)	154.06

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Non-availability of full and complete documents, including reports from State Governments/UTs, as applicable.

(d) The pending proposals could be processed on receipt of the required documents, which have been called for.

Camping of CIA and Other Terrorist Groups in Delhi

21. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the members of the CIA, FBI and the counter terrorism group of USA have been camping in Delhi, since December, 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, India has reciprocal arrangements with a number of countries including USA under which personnel of crime investigation agencies visit each other's country for specific case in return thereafter.

[Translation]

Water Supply & Sewerage Disposal Projects

22. SHRI SURENDRA PRASAD YADAV (Jahanabad) : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken step