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MINISTRY OF PLANNING

RAJYA SABHA

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ANSWERED ON

REVIEW OF BHARAT NIRMAN SCHEME .

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government has recently reviewed the working of Bharat Nirman Scheme;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the deficiencies pointed out in the review; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to further strengthen the Bharat Nirman Scheme in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES

(DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (d): The Bharat Nirman Programme has six components namely, Rural Drinking Water (National Rural Drinking Water Programme); Housing (Indira Awaas Yojana); Irrigation (Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme); Rural Roads (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana); Electrification (Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana); and, Rural Telephony. These schemes were reviewed during the Mid-Term Appraisal (MTA) of the Eleventh Plan. The programmes including Bharat Nirman are also reviewed by the implementing Ministries/ Departments as well as Planning Commission in half-yearly and Annual Plan discussions. Some of the deficiencies noted in these schemes during the MTA inter- alia include slow progress vis-à-vis target, need for strengthening institutional capacity and enhancing human resource capacity at all levels, time and cost over-runs, inadequate maintenance and upkeep of the asset created, etc. Planning Commission has set up Working Groups / Steering Committees for the 12th Five Year Plan which would look into all issues including effective implementation of programmes in various sectors and make suggestions thereon.