

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1668
ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023

PRADHAN MANTRI JAN VIKAS KARYAKRAM

1668. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government acknowledges the severe cut down in Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) fund allocation;
- (b) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) the action plan of Government to cover the larger geographical area that it aimed to cover before the cut down in the funding;
- (d) the details of steps taken by Government to address the difficulty in implementation of the scheme because of fund crunch; and
- (e) the current progress of PMJVK in the State of West Bengal?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d) As per the revised procedure of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, release of funds under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) are not tied to the individual projects and the amount available in the account of State Nodal Agency (SNA) forms a common pool. As on 01.03.2023, the unspent amount with the States in their SNA account is Rs.2466.48 crore, and the States are required to first incur expenditure from the SNA account, to complete the ongoing projects. Since substantial amount of unspent balance is available with the States for expenditure on the PMJVK projects, an amount of Rs.500 crore has been allocated for PMJVK in the budget of the Ministry at Revised Estimate (R.E.) 2022-23 stage.

There is no shortage of funds for implementation of PMJVK. Based on the current pace of expenditure being incurred by the States and the amount available with them in the SNA account, the allocation for PMJVK for the year 2022-23 is sufficient to meet the fund requirement of the States.

(e) Since inception of the scheme a total of 1,41,990 units of works at a total cost of Rs.4330.42 crore have been approved under PMJVK for implementation in the State of West Bengal. There is an unspent balance of Rs. 330.31 crore as on 01.03.2023 in the account of State Nodal Agency of PMJVK and the State has been advised to incur expenditure from the unspent balance available with them for completion of the ongoing projects.
