GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1306 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2017

FUNDS ALLOCATION UNDER MGNREGS

1306. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn towards the report by Sumit Bose Committee which has found that the funds for MGNREGS are ending up being allocated to States other than the ones which have the greatest concentration of poor;
- (b) if so, the details of the report and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to roll back the automatic exclusions from Government assistance approach as recommended in the report on SocioEconomic and Caste Census-2011; and
- (d) if so, the details of the proposed steps and the ways and means to finance them and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

- (a) & (b): MGNREGA is a demand driven programmes hence no State/UT- wise allocation of fund is made. The Central funds are released to the States/UTs on the basis of agreed to Labour Budgets and taking into consideration the performance and the pace of utilization of available funds. Labour Budget approval is being done on the basis of equal one-third weightage to rural households with even a single deprivation criteria as per Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC), landless households who are largely dependent on manual casual labour as per SECC and previous years performance. This has laid the foundation for more allocation to States/ UTs with higher number of poor persons identified under SECC under deprived categories and more thrust on implementation in backward and drought affected regions.
- (c) & (d): SECC-2011 allows ranking of households for generating priority list of beneficiaries in terms of selection criteria of programmes/schemes. Benefits of programmes/schemes of the Ministry including Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee RURBAN Mission, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana–NRLM can be accessed by all households.
