NEW SCHEME DURING COVID 19

389. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been implemented in the country in the current financial year during the COVID 19 pandemic;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the funds allocated to the State of Andhra Pradesh under this scheme;
(d) whether any third party independent evaluation has been undertaken for the above scheme; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyay – Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Shyama Prasad Mukherjee National Rural Mission (SPMRM) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for development of rural areas through generation of employment, strengthening of livelihood opportunities, promoting of self-employment, skilling of rural youths, provision of social assistance, development of infrastructure etc. The progress of these schemes during 2020-21 is given as follows:

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<td>MGNREGS</td>
<td>Person days generated: 20061.25 lakh</td>
<td>Central fund release: Rs. 60472.66 crore</td>
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<td>PMAY-G</td>
<td>Total houses constructed: 1082683</td>
<td>Fund utilised: Rs. 15919.59 crore</td>
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<td>Road length completed: 4928 km</td>
<td>Expenditure: Rs. 6,954.43 crore</td>
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In addition to the above, the Ministry has taken the following initiatives to mitigate the problems arising out due to COVID-19:

1. **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana**
   
   On 26.03.2020, Government had announced Rs 1.70 Lakh Crore relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana for the poor to help them fight the battle against Corona Virus. As far as Ministry of Rural Development is concerned there are two components under the package. (1) To provide ex-gratia of Rs.1000 in two installments (Rs.500/- each) to the existing old age, widow and disabled/Divyangjan beneficiaries of the schemes of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). The NSAP Division timely released a total of Rs. 2814.50 crore as ex-gratia to States/UTs in April, 2020 as first tranche and in May, 2020 as second tranche under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) for the existing 282 lakh beneficiaries of NSAP schemes. (2 ) Cash transfer of Rs. 500 into the accounts of 20.61 cr. women PMJDY Account holders every month for three months. Total amount of Rs. 30,944.61 cr. has been transferred.

2. **Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**
   
   Prime Minister Modi, in his fifth address to India since the national lockdown, has announced a financial package of Rs 20 lakh crore to ease the coronavirus distress. The package is announced under ‘Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan’ to revive the Indian economy.
   
   a. **Stepping up Budget of MGNREGA by Rs. 40,000 crore**
      
      Government has made an increase in allocation for MGNREGS by Rs. 40,000 crores to overcome Covid-19 crises provisioning income through wage employment. A total of 184 core person days have been generated so far in the current FY 2020-21
   
   b. **Hike in wage rate under MGNREGA**
      
      Hike in wages for manual workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) from Rs. 182 to Rs.202/day in FY20-21

3. **Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan**
   
   Further, Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA), launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 20.06.2020, across six selected states across 116 districts with provision of Rs.50,000 crores to provide
livelihood opportunities to rural citizens, and an expenditure of Rs.23,767.32 crore has been incurred in these districts till 13.09.2020.

(d) & (e): The implementation status of the schemes of this Ministry is being reviewed regularly at various levels such as meeting of Performance Review Committee, Common Review Mission, Third Party Evaluation, National Level Monitors, NITI Aayog etc. On the findings of these reviews, actions as appropriate, including restructuring of the schemes are being taken up. However, no third party independent evaluation study has been undertaken so far (including on those particular interventions carried under the schemes, as mentioned above ) during the period of COVID-19 pandemic.

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