GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.†*136

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26THJULY, 2016/SHRAVANA 4, 1938 (SAKA)

IRREGULARITIES IN BADP

†*136. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of alleged nexus between contractors and engineers and large scale irregularities including compromising with quality in the construction of roads, bridges and buildings, under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) in the country particularly in Bihar and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of complaints received in this regard during the last three years, state and year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has investigated the said complaints and if so, the action taken thereon; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to send any Central team to inspect the construction works taken under BADP on an annual basis and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*136 FOR 26.07.2016.

(a) to (c): Planning and implementation of the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) is the primary responsibility of the State Government. Complaints received on the irregularities on implementation including compromising with quality in the construction of roads, bridges and buildings under the BADP are forwarded to the State Governments for appropriate action. A statement showing the complaints received during the last three years year-wise and Statewise is enclosed.

(d): There is no proposal presently under consideration of the Government to send Central teams to inspect the construction works taken under the BADP on annual basis. However, as per the BADP guidelines, there is a provision of Third Party Inspection of the BADP schemes by the Third Party Inspection Agency appointed by the State Government. All the State Governments of 17 BADP States namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu

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and Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal have appointed the Third Party Inspection Agency in their respective State to inspect the BADP schemes for an independent feedback on the quality of work and other relevant issues. Besides this, State Governments of 17 BADP States have also appointed senior officers of the State Government as Nodal Officer for regular visits of the block assigned to them to oversee the implementation for BADP schemes.

ENCLOSURE IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *136 BY DR. SANJAY JAISWAL FOR ANSWER ON 26.07.2016

SI.	Name of	Date of	Complaint	Subject/ Gist of the	Remarks/status of the		
NO.	the State	complaint	received from	complaint	complaint		
			whom and				
Voor	. 2014		when	Nil			
Year: 2014 Nil Year: 2015							
1 ear	1	23.04.2015	Shri Lokam	(i) Improper	A copy of the		
1.	Pradesh	23.04.2013	Baba and	monitoring of	A copy of the complaint was		
	radoun		Others,	implementation and	forwarded to the State		
			Members of	quality of works	Government for		
			Panchayati	under BADP by the	comments. State Govt.		
			Raj Institutions	State level Monitoring	vide letter dated		
				Committee and	04.12.2015 has		
				District Level	furnished the		
				Monitoring Committee	preliminary parawise comments on the		
				(ii) Misappropriation	complaint stating that		
				of fund sanctioned for	the final report is being		
				CD-Block Koloriang	submitted after		
				during 2013-14 under	receiving detailed		
				BADP.	enquiry report from		
					Neutral agency (Third		
					Party Monitoring).		
					The final report is awaited from the		
					State Government.		
2.	Nagaland	15.06.2015	International	Implementing	Comments from the		
	J		Border Area	agencies are not	State Government		
			People's	working as per the	were called for. State		
			Welfare	Government's	Govt. vide their letter		
			Organization,	guidelines and funds	dated 08.12.2015 had		
			Khonka, Distt:	withdrawal without	furnished the		
			Kiphire	execution of works under BADP and	comments stating that the matter was		
			(Nagaland)	UADP schemes.	enquired at State level		
				O'NDI SONOMICS.	and there is no merit in		
					the allegations made in		
					the complaint.		

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Year: 2016				
3. Manipur	25.02.2016	Shri Th. Chaoba Singh, President and Shri M. Asni Kumar Singh, General Secretary (Adm), State BJP Office Manipur	(i) Stumbled upon the projects under BADP in Chandel , Ukhrul and Churachandpur District by the Govt. of Manipur (ii) Non-maintenance of accountability and transparency in floating tenders, work orders etc. (iii) Misappropriation of fund by the implementing agencies.	Government were called for. State Government has denied the allegations made in the complaint. State Govt. has further informed that during the SLSC meeting held on 11.04.2016 chaired by Chief Secretary, the executing agencies
