

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development, on 12th August, 2008, constituted an Expert Group, which could advise the Ministry on the methodology for conducting the BPL Census for the Eleventh Five Year Plan under the Chairmanship of Dr. N. C. Saxena. The Expert Group submitted its report on 21st August 2009. Based on the recommendation of the Expert Group, Pilot Study and consultation with State Government and UT Administration and stakeholders, the Government decided the methodology for identification of BPL households. A Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC 2011) has been launch on 29th June, 2011 in the country which is being carried out by the respective State/Union Territory administration.

Proposal for Concurrent Evaluation of Welfare Schemes

2166. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposl for concurrent evaluation of welfare schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent concurrent evaluation of schemes will increase the efficiency and quality of outcome of all rural development schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) The Ministry organizes concurrent evaluation on regular basis of all rural development schemes through independent research organisations.

(c) Concurrent Evaluations bring out the strengths and weaknesses of schemes which would help increase in the efficiency and quality of outcome of rural development schemes.

Funds Allocation for Bihar

2167. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated and spent in Bihar by the Ministry and its various organizations during the last three years and the current year so far;
- (b) the details of purposes for which these amounts were given and spent; and
- (c) the steps being taken to increase these funds ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Rural Development implements through State Government and Union Territory Administration various schemes namely Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY)/National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Pardhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) for overall development of rural areas. Central funds allocation and utilization made by the Government of Bihar under the major rural development programme during the last three years (*i.e.* 2009-10, 2010-11 & 2011-12).