

(c) As per information available, partial disinvestment of equity in 30 Central Government public undertakings has been made in favour of institutional investors.

[English]

Construction of Roads Under J.R.Y.

*36. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any discrepancy in the cost of construction of roads per km. under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojna in various States;

(b) if so, the remedial action proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether any norms have been laid down for the construction of such roads;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any evaluation of the work done has been made by any Central agency; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) (a) to (f). The cost of construction of roads under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) varies from State to State as it depends on a number of State specific factors, such as, type of construction undertaken (i.e. brick laying, metalling, black topping), type of soil, availability of construction material etc. The remedial action for discrepancies in the cost of construction of roads (per K.M.) under J.R.Y. is, therefore, not required.

As regards norms laid down for construction of rural roads, the roads constructed under JRY are to be as per the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) criteria. All villages with a population of 1500 and above and 50% of the villages in the population group of 1,000 - 1,500 were to be connected with all - whether roads by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan. As the population in the hilly tribal, coastal and desert areas is sparse and the settlements are located at long distances from each other, MNP norms for roads for these areas for the Seventh Plan were as under:-

Hill Areas:

i) 100% linkage during the time frame of 10 years to villages with population 500.

ii) 50% linkages during the time frame of 10 years to villages with population between 200 - 500.

Tribal, Coastal and desert areas:

(i) 100% linkage during a time frame of 10 years to villages with population over 1000.

(ii) 50% linkage during 10 years time frame to villages with population between 500 - 1000.

The evaluation of roads constructed under JRY has not been made by any Central Agency so far.

Payment of Commission by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.

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SHRI RUPCHAND PAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: