

mentation of the schemes for which technical clearance is given by the central Govt or the State Govt under the powers delegated to them. During the aforesaid period, a total assistance of Rs 47.0 crores was provided to the State Govt of Karnataka for supply of drinking water in rural areas.

Restructuring of Rural Development Programme

238 SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to restructure the Rural Development Programmes, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHI H. PATEL) (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present under consideration to make any basic change in the major Rural Development Programmes. However, Government is considering revamping of the programmes wherever necessary after discussion with the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance.

Houses Rural Labourers

239 SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have any All India Scheme for providing houses to the rural labourers,

(b) if so, the name of the agency or organisation constituted for the implementation of this scheme

(c) the State-wise details of the housing facility provided to the rural labourers so far, and

(d) the time by which the housing problem of the rural labourers is likely to be solved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) (a) No, Sir. There is no scheme at present for providing houses exclusively to the rural labourers. Some rural labourers are however, being covered under the Indira Awaas Yojana.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Does not arise

(d) Does not arise

[English]

Restructuring of Public Sector Undertakings of Maharashtra

240 SHRI RAMCHANDRA MARO TRAOGHANGARE Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether some foreign consultants have been hired by the Government to prepare a detailed restructuring plan for some of the public Sector Undertakings located in Maharashtra with the aim to prune their workforce and shed some loss making activities in order to increase their efficiency,

(b) if so, the details of these undertakings,

(c) whether the funds have been provided by the World Bank for the consultancy, and