

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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RELEASE OF FUNDS UNDER SECTOR REFORM SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have recently decided not to release funds for the Sector Reforms Project a pilot project for rural water supply sector;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government are aware of misappropriation of funds to the tune of several crores in the scheme;
- (d) if so, the facts and the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to check this menace?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KANSHI RAM RANA)

- (a) & (b) No, Sir. The funds for the Sector Reform Projects are being released subject to their fulfillment of the release criteria.
- (c) to (e) No specific case of misappropriation of funds has come to the notice of this Ministry.