

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:32

ANSWERED ON:02.12.2003

POVERTY ALLEVIATION SCHEMES

BIR SING MAHATO;MANJAY LAL;PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL;SHIVAJI MANE;SUKDEO PASWAN

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether poverty alleviation schemes of the Union Government are falling flat according to report submitted to the Hon`ble Supreme Court in the first week of March, 2003.
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to make these schemes more viable and beneficial to the rural poor in the country;
- (d) whether district level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees are not functioning at all and not even a single meeting has been called so far in most of the districts of the States especially in Bihar and in the Union Territory of Chandigarh;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) if not, the details of the meetings of Vigilance and Monitoring Committee held in Chandigarh and the decision taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K.PATIL)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) The report of the Commissioner submitted to the Hon`ble Supreme Court in the first week of March, 2003, indicates some shortcomings in the implementation of wage employment programme, namely Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) with regard to the low utilisation of available funds and foodgrains, delays in release of funds and lifting of foodgrains in time etc.
- (c) An effective system of monitoring has been put in place to make the schemes of rural development more viable and beneficial to the rural poor in the country.
- (d) No, Sir. As per information furnished by the Government of Bihar, the District level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees are functional in all the districts of the State and their meetings are being held according to the Government of India guidelines..
- (e) Question does not arise.
- (f) No rural development programme of the Ministry is being implemented in the Union Territory of Chandigarh.