

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
South Central	2.76	3.8	3.04	9.6	5.36	1.91	9.1	16.37
South Eastern	2.2	3.64	3.65	9.49	19.9	22.74	20.65	62.99
Western	1.96	4.39	3.93	10.28	7.93	11.46	21.81	41.2
Rly. Board	67.47	70.71	85.23	223.41				
Total	88.155	106.02	115.71	309.885	91.63	100.12	113.78	305.53

Figures are in Crores.

Fixation of Labour Material Ratio

*170. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed labour material ratio of 60:40 in execution of works under various Rural Employment Schemes;

(b) if so, whether this labour material ratio is not practical because of increased material cost in construction of permanent structures to maintain the accounts correctly;

(c) whether the Government have been requested to amend the ratio of labour and material 60:40 from various States;

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government have received proposals from Government of Rajasthan for amendment of labour material ratio to 50:50; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) are wage employment programmes. The main objective of these programmes is to provide wage employment to the rural poor by taking up labour intensive works. To meet this objective, 60% of the funds are spent on payment of wages under these programmes.

(c) to (f) Yes, Sir. The requests from various States, including Rajasthan, to amend the wage material ratio in respect of JRY are being examined. There is no proposal to amend wage material ratio in respect of EAS.

[Translation]

Houses in Rural Areas

*172. SHRI HARIBHAI CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey in Rural Areas about homeless people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any time bound programme to provide houses to homeless in the rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) to (d) No specific survey has been conducted by the Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment to determine homelessness in rural areas. However, according to 1991 Census, the rural housing shortage was 137.2 lakh. Details of statewise housing shortage are given in the enclosed statement. In pursuance of the set goals of the Government to provide Housing for All, a national action plan for rural housing has been prepared for the construction of 13 lakh additional houses annually in the rural areas. This will go a long way in providing housing for all homeless in the rural areas at the earliest. Moreover, during the current financial year a central budgetary allocation of Rs. 1600 crore has been provided which is an increase of Rs. 410 crore over the budgetary allocation for 1997-98.

Statement

Statewise Break Up of Rural Housing Shortage (Census 1991)

State/Union Territory	Housing Shortage
1	2
Andhra Pradesh	1118355
Arunachal Pradesh	112170
Assam	2243855

1	2
Bihar	4095740
Goa	9910
Gujarat	264805
Haryana	29510
Himachal Pradesh	16111
Karnataka	426915
Kerala	346780
Madhya Pradesh	285770
Maharashtra	659900
Manipur	89198
Meghalaya	147918
Mizoram	36897
Nagaland	88881
Orissa	684655
Punjab	44370
Rajasthan	110885
Sikkim	12446
Tamil Nadu	313095
Tripura	192133
Uttar Pradesh	1251095
West Bengal	1084675
A & N Islands	17949
Chandigarh	454
D & N Haveli	7857
Daman & Diu	4483
Delhi	9125
Lakshadweep	165
Pondicherry	6247
Total	13721538

Rail Link with Europe

*173. SHRI PANKAJ CHOUDHARY :
DR. ASHOK PATEL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a direct rail link with Europe via Pakistan and Iran;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) :

(a) to (c) Indian Railways have agreed in principle to participate in the Trans Asian Railway link between Europe and South East Asia via Iran, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand and Malaysia. This Trans Asian Railway Project is being considered by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), under Asian Land Transport Infrastructure Development Project. While some preliminary information has been collected by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), specific project proposals have yet to be formed and no target date can be suggested for the completion of the project.

[English]

Financial Performance of JRY

*174. SHRI VITHAL TUPE :
SHRI MADHAV RAO PATIL :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the physical and financial performance of the Centrally sponsored scheme "JRY" during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the funds allocated to each State for the implementation of the scheme during the current year;

(c) whether any target has been set up; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) The State/UT-wise physical and financial performance under Jawahar Rojgar Yojana (JRY) during last three years i.e. during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 is given in the Statement I to III respectively.

(b) to (d) The State/UT-wise funds allocated and physical targets fixed in terms of mandays generated during the current year i.e. 1998-99 under JRY are given in Statement-IV.