

Discretionary powers to State Governments to spend central funds

3070. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to give more discretionary powers to the State Governments on the funds under Central Government Schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when such a proposal would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN) : (a) to (c) Ministry of Rural Development is implementing various rural development programmes namely; Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY)/National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) as a part of overall planning process through State Governments and UT Administrations. These programmes are implemented as per the existing guidelines. There is no proposal to give discretionary powers to the State Governments on the funds under these schemes.

Right to housing for rural families

3071. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI :
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH :
SHRI ALOK TIWARI :
SHRI PRABHAT JHA :

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to bring Right to Housing Bill for rural families;
- (b) the details of salient features of the proposed Bill; and
- (c) the details of measures Government would take to ensure the right to housing in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI LAL CHAND KATARIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is considering to bring a legislation to provide Homestead Rights to the landless and shelterless poor