

- (d) whether the allocated funds have been utilized by these States;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sought more funds; and
- (g) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) For incentivising the capacity addition in the power sector, the Government of India has provided fiscal incentives under the Mega Power Policy which include:

- (i) Zero Custom Duty – for import of capital equipments for the power projects;
- (ii) Deemed export benefit – benefit to the domestic bidders for the projects; and
- (iii) Income tax benefit – In addition, the income tax holiday regime as per section 80-IA of the Income Tax Act, 1961 can also be availed.

(c) to (g) For the development of power sector, the Government of India has released Rs. 5177.89 crore to 29 States/UTs in the last three years i.e. 2009-12 under Restructured Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (R-APDRP). For Andhra Pradesh, Rs. 199.18 crore has been released under R-APDRP during the same period. There has been no release of funds under R-APDRP in the current financial year 2012-13 to any State so far. The related projects are at various stages of implementation and the funds released are being utilized by the State Discoms. No request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for additional funds is pending in the Ministry.

Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), Government of India has released Rs. 12237.31 crores to 27 States in the last three years i.e., 2009-12. Out of this Rs. 12237.31 crore, Rs. 319.15 crores has been released to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years. There has been no release of funds under RGGVY during the current Financial Year to any State so far.

Financial Assistance under the Scheme of International Co-operation

*529. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of financial assistance provided under the Scheme of International Co-operation during the last three years, State-wise;

- (b) the details of target fixed and achieved during that period;
- (c) whether Government is satisfied with the results achieved, so far; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken by Government to achieve the desired results?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH): (a) Financial assistance on part-reimbursement basis is provided to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) through State/Central Government organisations, industry/enterprise associations and registered societies/trusts etc., associated with, the MSME as per the International Cooperation Scheme (a Plan Scheme of this Ministry) guidelines. The main objectives of the Scheme include exploring new areas of technology infusion/upgradation, facilitating Joint Ventures, improving market of the products of MSMEs, foreign collaborations etc. Financial assistance under the Scheme of International Cooperation has been provided to the various MSME associations/organisations of the following states during each of the last three years:

Applicant organisation of	Amount released (in Rs.)		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Andhra Pradesh	422900	1200000	885634
Assam	1759334	1200000	921584
Chandigarh	0	1332624	330225
Delhi	3113638	11017422	2235998
Gujarat	877677	4082452	2208678
Haryana	0	0	828815
Karnataka	686954	3713685	1768219
Madhya Pradesh	1549499	1865117	1573480
Maharashtra	100000	2365577	3178644
Punjab	4695656	5436513	415810
Rajasthan	1712500	1373331	0
Tamil Nadu	723500	2354819	194607
Uttar Pradesh	2233626	833000	0
West Bengal	2124716	3168184	1967017
TOTAL	20000000	39942724	16508711

(b) Details of targets fixed and achieved during last three years are as under:

Financial Year	Physical targets fixed (No. of events)	Physical targets achieved (No. of events)
2009-10	25	44
2010-11	30	41
2011-12	50	41

(c) and (d) International Cooperation Scheme is a demand driven scheme. As MSME Organisations/entrepreneurs have to bear a certain proportion of the total expenses incurred, they apply for financial assistance only for those events which they deem are beneficial to them.

As per the International Cooperation Scheme guidelines, after completion of the event, the applicant organisation(s) as well as members of the delegation who attended the event is/are required to furnish feedback reports. This enables this Ministry to make an assessment of the utility of the event in terms of the extent to which the expected outcome has been achieved by the members of the delegation. The outcomes include knowledge of latest technologies, possibility of entering into Joint Ventures, identifying new areas of business opportunity etc. An overall assessment of the feedback reports reveals that the scheme has been very beneficial to the MSME entrepreneurs.

As a part of the ongoing initiatives of the Ministry to make the Scheme more effective, the Ministry has recently entrusted the task of evaluation of the Scheme's performance to an independent agency for deciding on modifications, if any.

Doordarshan and AIR stations

†*530. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan Kendras and All India Radio Stations operating in the country as on 31 March, 2012;

(b) how many, out of these are operating in the tribal areas, State-wise;

(c) whether the stations, especially in tribal areas, are operating properly; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.