

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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AREA OFFICERS SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have introduced the Area Officers Scheme to monitor the rural development programmes all over the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which this scheme is likely to be beneficial for rural development and proper implementation of programmes ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Under the Area Officers Scheme of the Ministry, Officers of the level of Deputy Secretary and above have been assigned the responsibility to frequently visit the selected Villages/Districts in the allocated States/UTs and submit comprehensive Report on different aspects of the implementation of the programmes of the Ministry. The issues brought out in these Reports are communicated to the State Governments for follow up action.

(c): This scheme serves as an important mechanism for monitoring the implementation of the Programmes of the Ministry with special reference to quality, timeliness and achievement of physical and financial targets.