

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WORKSHOP ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have launched a number of Centrally sponsored schemes for the development of rural and remote areas of the country;
- (b) if so, whether most of the public representatives are unaware of the procedure of bringing those schemes for the development of their constituencies and the funds meant for the development works are being misappropriated by the State officials or fake organisations;
- (c) if so, whether the Union Government propose to organise a workshop for the public representatives for proper awareness about these schemes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAI AH NAIDU)

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) While most of the public representatives are aware of these schemes, the Ministry are aware of the need to create intensive awareness among all concerned, and action has already been initiated in this regard. Whenever cases of misappropriation came to the notice of the Ministry, the Concerned Authorities are directed to take necessary corrective action.
- (c to e) Imparting training to the Members and Chairpersons of Panchayats is the responsibility of the States/Union Territories and the Government of India have been providing limited financial assistance on the request from the States/Union Territories for this purpose. It has now been decided to train all the elected Panchayat functionaries of all levels within a period of three years.