

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CONFERENCE TO REVIEW RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many of the rural development and poverty alleviation programmes were neglected or given low priority during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to give priority to the rural development and poverty alleviation in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the ambitious programme proposed to be launched in the light of proposed new deal to the rural masses;
- (e) whether a Conference of Chief Minister's on Poverty Alleviation and Rural Development was held recently to review various rural development schemes;
- (f) if so, the main issues discussed in the conference; and
- (g) the outcome thereof including the action taken by Government on the suggestions/decisions taken in the conference?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) One of the thrust areas identified in the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) is deepening and widening of rural prosperity. The NCMP interalia, includes massive employment generation programme in the rural areas, food for work programme, promotion of micro-enterprises, massive watershed and wasteland development programmes, food and nutrition security, large scale expansion of housing for the weaker sections in the rural areas, augmenting and modernizing rural infrastructure consisting of roads, irrigation, electrification, cold-chain and marketing outlets, providing drinking water to all sections in the rural areas etc.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) & (g) The implementation of main programmes of rural development and poverty alleviation like SGRY, SGSY, PMGSY, Rural Housing, Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP), Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation, of the Ministry and the role of Panchayat Raj Institutions were discussed and reviewed during the Conference. The feedback given by the State Governments during the Conference on different programmes would help the Ministry for more effective implementation of these programmes.