Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government is aware that the rural poor are on the verge of starvation usually during March to September when work is scarce; and

(b) the steps proposed to cover that period after providing 100 days work scheme to such poor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (b) The proposal to enact a Central Legislation for the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, which aims to enhance livelihood security to poor households in rural areas by providing atleast 100 days of guaranteed wage employment to every poor household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual labour, is under consideration of the Government.