

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF VIABLE CLUSTER OF VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government urged the World Bank to become partner in enabling NGOs and Corporate Sector to undertake development of viable cluster of villages in a big way;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the response of the World Bank in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has also allocated funds to NGOs for rural development for the year 2004-2005;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) the achievements in the field of rural development as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 259 to be replied on 22.7.2004.

- (a) to (c) Some meetings with the World Banks officials have been held to discuss the principle of cluster development.
- (d) & (e) The Ministry of Rural Development has allocated Rs. 80.00 crore to Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART), a registered society under the aegis of the Ministry, for the year 2004-2005 under the Head 'Assistance to CAPART' which are to be utilized for funding the projects of eligible Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) in the country. No State-wise allocations are made and NGOs are sanctioned funds on project-to-project basis.
- (f) The projects are at various stages of implementation and it is difficult to quantify achievements of these projects at this stage.