

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:585
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2009
PRADHAN MANTRI ADARSH GRAM YOJANA
Singh Shri Bhola

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is considering to initiate Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana in a large number of villages in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the villages selected under the said scheme, State-wise;
- (d) Whether the Government proposes to cover all villages under this scheme which are pre-dominantly SC-populated; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(D. NAPOLEON)

(a) & (e) The Finance Minister in his Budget Speech, 2009-10, delivered on 6.7.2009, announced launching of a new scheme, namely "Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana" on pilot basis, to cover 1,000 villages with more than 50% SC population. The relevant para of the speech reads as under:-

"Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY)⁴⁶

(v) There are about 44,000 villages in which the population of Scheduled castes is above 50 percent. A new scheme called Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Yojana (PMAGY) is being launched this year on a pilot basis, for the integrated development of 1000 such villages. I propose an allocation of Rs. 100 crore for this scheme. Each village would be able to avail gap funding of Rs. 10 lakh over and above the allocations under Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Scheme. On successful implementation of the pilot phase, the Yojana would be extended in coming years."

In pursuance of the above announcement, the pilot scheme is being finalized by the Ministry.