

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Poverty Alleviation Programmes have not been fully successful in the absence of sufficient funds;
- (b) if so, whether the benefits of Poverty Alleviation Programmes are not reaching to the poor people in the country especially in rural areas; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government for the effective implementation of Poverty Alleviation Programme so that the targets and objectives set for poverty alleviation could be achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V.NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (c): An outlay of Rs.1,94,933.28 crore was made in respect of the Department of Rural Development for implementation of its Plan schemes in rural areas during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period. As against the Eleventh Five Year Plan outlay of Rs.1,94,933.28 crore in respect of Department of Rural Development, the Plan outlay for the first four years is as under:

Financial Year Plan Outlay (Rs. In Crore)

2007-08 (RE) 28,500

2008-09 (RE) 56,854

2009-10 (RE) 62,160

2010-11 (BE) 66,100

Total 2,13,614

As may be seen from the above, that adequate Plan funds have been made available for the implementation of Poverty Alleviation Programmes, especially in the rural areas of the country.

In order to achieve the targets and objectives set for poverty alleviation programmes in the rural area, Ministry of Rural Development has developed a comprehensive system of monitoring the implementation of the programmes including utilisation of funds through periodical progress reports, Performance Review Committee Meetings, Area Officer's Scheme, Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at the State and District Levels with greater involvement of Members of Parliament, National Level Monitors, etc with a focus to monitor quality of work and adherence to implementation of schemes as per programme guidelines.