

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning and performance of District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to streamline the functioning and performance of DRDAs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Rural Development reviews the functioning and performance of District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) with State Secretaries of Rural Development and other officials of State and Districts regularly. The Ministry has also conducted an Evaluation Study on functioning of DRDAs in 2008-09 through an independent agency and its major recommendations relate to fill up of all vacancies as per DRDA staff pattern, induction of professionals in DRDAs, training and capacity building of DRDA staff etc.

(c) To streamline the functioning and performance of DRDAs, the guideline of District Rural Development Agency Administration Scheme are amended and necessary instructions thereof issued to the States from time to time.