

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVING RURAL LIVELIHOOD
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and Action for Food Production (AFPRO) has tied up for promoting sustainable approaches for improving rural livelihood through socio-technical interventions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether to commemorate SDC, AFPRO partnership, Ambassador of Phillippe to India released a document `Winged seeds` a panel discussion on `Water and food security in a changing climate partnership`;
- (d) if so, the extent to which SDC and AFPRO has tied up to improve rural livelihood in India; and
- (e) if so, the main schemes prepared and the extent to which these measures have helped in improving rural livelihood in India?

Answer

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

(a)to(e): Ministry of Rural Development is not involved in any tie-up between Swiss Agency for Development Corporation (SDC) and Action for Food Production (AFPRO) for promoting sustainable approaches for improving rural livelihood through socio-technical intervention. As per the information furnished by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, they are also not aware of any such tie up between these agencies. As per the information received from Ministry of Agriculture, they do not have any input in the matter.