

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES FOR RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing a number of schemes for the overall development of the rural areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the funds allocated, actually released and utilized under each of these schemes during the last three financial years;
- (d) the number of complaints received regarding irregularities in the implementation of the schemes during each of the last three years; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to address the grey areas in the implementation of the ongoing schemes ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH)

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

Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 48 due for answer on 24.02.2011

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing various rural development programmes namely; the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY)/ National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) and Integrated Watershed Management Programmes (IWMP). The area development programmes of Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP), Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) have been redesigned and combined in to IWMP.

(c): The funds allocated, released and utilized under these schemes during the last three years i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 is given at Annexure.

(d): A total number of 1327, 4, 5, 6, 4, 3, 4, 1 and 293 complaints have been received during the last three years under MGNREGA, NRWDP, SGSY/NRLM, IAY, DPAP, DDP, IWDP, IWMP and PMGSY respectively.

(e): The Ministry of Rural Development has taken various steps to address the grey areas in the implementation of rural development programmes. In order to address the grey areas, the State Governments and UT Administrations have been advised to adopt a five-pronged strategy to improve the implementation of the rural development schemes consisting of (i) creation of awareness about the schemes,(ii) transparency, (iii) people's participation,(iv) accountability, social audit and (v) vigilance and monitoring of rural development programmes at all levels.