

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

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CORRUPTION IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is gross corruption in Government services in rural areas as per the survey report of Centre for Media Studies;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the number of cases of corruption exposed during the last three years, Statewise; and
- (d) the action taken against the officers found guilty in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b): As reported in the Media, a corruption survey by Centre for Media Studies has revealed that since 2005, overall percentage of rural households which paid bribe for any public service during the last one year preceding the survey had come down from 56% to 28%. The figure remained high in Chhattisgarh (55%), Bihar (52%), Kerala (46%) and Maharashtra (40%).

(c) & (d): The statistics for corruption cases in the State is maintained by the respective State Government, and is not centrally maintained.