

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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TARGET UNDER PURA

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any target under Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas scheme (PURA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the State-wise/year-wise number of villages provided facilities by the Government under PURA scheme during the last three years; and
- (d) the State-wise/year-wise amount spent by the Government under the said scheme during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): On 21st January 2010, the Government has approved the Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA) Scheme for implementation on pilot basis in 11th Five Year Plan with the budgetary provision of Rs. 248 crore. The scheme proposes holistic and accelerated development of compact areas around a potential growth centre in a Gram Panchayat (or a group of Gram Panchayats) through Public Private Partnership (PPP) framework for providing livelihood opportunities and urban amenities to improve the quality of life in rural areas.

(c) & (d): Currently, detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for 9 projects are under preparation. The implementation phase would commence after signing of various project related agreements. Consequently, no amount has been spent by the Government under the scheme during the said period.