

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDING OF SELF HELP GROUPS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch Aajeevika Development and Financial Corporation to fund self- help- groups;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the views of each State including Goa in this regard ?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The Government proposes to create a `Women SHG Development Fund` to empower women and promote their Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- (c): All the states have emphasised the need for adequate credit facility at affordable rate of interest for women Self-Help Groups (SHGs).