

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES
Pathak Shri Harin

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether assistance is proposed to be granted or already granted to various states under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the rural development sector under various Schemes;
- (b) if so, the details of the programmes to be aided or already aided in the last 3 years and the current year by the UNDP, State-wise, Scheme-wise; and
- (c) the funds allocated and utilised for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): UNDP has allocated a financial assistance of US \$ 5.65 million through the Project `Strengthening and operationalisation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)`, for 2008-12, for supporting following activities :-

- (i) To improve implementation, monitoring and management arrangements through a technical cell;
- (ii) To develop works manuals for afforestation, rural roads, watersheds and other works permissible under MGNREGA;
- (iii) To set up Professional Institutional Network (PIN) for strengthening the capacity of the district to implement the programme and create positive impact through CSO/University/College.
- (iv) To undertake innovative pilot projects for strengthening implementation of MGNREGA through innovation fund to CSO.
- (v) To support ICT pilot;
- (vi) To do capacity building at various levels of Government especially at the district level and below for better planning and improved implementation of MGNREGA and
- (vii) To strengthen IEC processes through films and publications.