

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to integrate rural development schemes and agricultural activities to prevent the global slowdown from hitting the rural economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to introduce a new scheme like the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) to increase the purchasing power of farmers and workers in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing various programmes for rural development and poverty alleviation. These schemes include asset generation scheme of self-employment, such as Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), wage employment scheme such as the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), housing scheme for the rural poor such as Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), the scheme for the construction of all-weather roads in rural areas such as Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). These schemes are directly or indirectly integrated with agricultural activities. Keeping this in mind, the Union Government provided enhanced allocations for National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), Rural Housing Programme of Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) as a part of economic stimulus package designed by the Government to contain the impact of global slow down on the Indian economy during 2008-09.

(c): No, Sir. There is no such proposal at the moment.

(d): Does not arise.