GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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IMPACT OF MGNREGS ON SELF EMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian School of Business, Hyderabad has recently published a report on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme stating that the scheme is hampering the growth and expansion of small and cottage industries in rural areas as the common man is getting increasingly dependent on the Government employment scheme there by discouraging self employment in small and Cottage Industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a): Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, in its research report entitled `Why an innovative anti poverty programme showed no net impact` has not found any conclusive evidence on the impact of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the implementation of micro enterprise development programme in Medak district of Andhra Pradesh, the sample district of the study.
- (b) & (c): Does not arise.