

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to set up Gramin Ajeevika foundation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry have requested big corporate players to provide half of the funds required for Gramin Ajeevika foundation;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the corporate players in this regard;
- (e) the criteria regarding allocation of States under Ajeevika foundation;
- (f) the State-wise details of the scheme proposal to be initiated by Gramin Foundation; and
- (g) the steps being taken by the Ministry for rational allocation to the States?

Answer

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

(a)to(g): Hon`ble Finance Minister of India in his Union Budget Speech 2012-13 has indicated the commitment of the Government to establish a Bharat Livelihoods Foundation of India through Ajeevika. The Foundation would support and scale up civil society initiatives and interventions particularly in the tribal regions covering around 170 districts. Private trusts and philanthropic organisations would be encouraged to partner with the autonomous body that will be managed professionally.