

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether despite implementation of various rural development schemes, the pace of development in the urban areas far exceeds the rural conglomerates;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the allocation of funds for the various rural development schemes is on the decline over a period of time;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise for the last three years and the current year alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to step up fund allocation, for rural development programmes, in view of the recent rise in poverty estimates in rural areas; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing through the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations the major rural development programmes namely, Mahatama Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), now renamed as 'Aajeevika', Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) in rural areas of the country. These Schemes are primarily designed to provide employment to the rural poor in villages besides creating rural infrastructure and providing basic amenities. All these programmes combinedly helps in alleviation of rural poverty directly and indirectly and thereby bridge the gap between developed and underdeveloped regions of the country.

(c) to (f): With a view to bridge the gap between rural and urban areas, the central allocation under various rural development programmes has been enhanced continuously over the years. The central allocation has increased to Rs. 194933.28 crore for 11th Five Year Plan from Rs 56748.00 crore of 10th Five Year Plan for rural development programmes. An amount of Rs. 73,175.00 crore has been approved by the Planning Commission for the first year of 2012-13 of the 12th Five Year Plan.