

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the World Bank has signed a credit agreement for the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is one of the world's largest poverty reduction initiatives, aiming to reach three fifty million people with a huge outlay;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which this help to scale up our battle against poverty across the country;
- (e) the States where the above project is being implemented;
- (f) the status of this project in Odisha State; and
- (g) the extent to which it will create a positive impact to control poverty in backward States?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Government of India has signed an agreement with IDA/World Bank in July 2011, for loan of an amount of US \$ 1 billion for National Rural Livelihood Project (NRLP) which will be supporting implementation of the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM). NRLP will invest intensively to support implementation of NRLM in 100 districts and 400 blocks of 13 poverty concentration states (Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu).

(c)&(d): NRLM would ensure that at least one member from each identified rural poor household, preferably a woman, is brought under the Self Help Group (SHG) network in a time bound manner. It has set out with an agenda to reach out, mobilize and support 7.0 crore Below Poverty Line (BPL) households across the country into their self-managed SHGs and their federal institutions and livelihoods collectives. NRLM provides for creation of a dedicated and sensitive support structure manned by professionals for supporting social mobilisation and institution building and providing long term hand holding support to the institutions of the poor till they become self sufficient.

(e): NRLM would be implemented all over India except for Delhi and Chandigarh.

(f): The State of Odisha has complied with the conditions for transition to NRLM i.e. it has set up the State Rural Livelihoods Mission (SRLM), appointed a full time Chief Executive Officer (CEO), recruited the core team for State Project Management Unit (SPMU) and has submitted its Annual Action Plan (AAP) to the Centre.

(g): Keeping in view large scale experiences of a few State Government programs implemented in a mission mode and the large experiences of N.G.Os in many states in implementing similar rural livelihoods projects, it is expected that NRLM will have a positive impact on poverty alleviation and livelihoods enhancement in the country within the next 8 to 10 years.