

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether due to lack of planning skill at the village level, benefits of most of the rural development schemes are not being derived at the desired level;
- (b) if so, whether to overcome this Government proposes to hire Indian talented youth for its social security schemes for new innovation and better implementation;
- (c) if so, the details of strategy chalked out by Governments in this regard;
- (d) whether some of the State Governments have already started this scheme; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government for better implementation of social security schemes with the help of young talent in rural and remote hilly areas of the country?

Answer

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

(a): Panchayats at village level play key roles in the planning and implementation of Rural Development Schemes. Emphasis is given on capacity building of various stakeholders including elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions, Rural Development functionaries and functionaries of various development departments at national, state, district, block and sub-block levels.

(b) to (e): At present there is no proposal to hire Indian talented youth in the implementation of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), which is a social security Scheme. However, a scheme of PM's Rural Development Fellows (PMRDF), for deploying young professionals in each of the Integrated Action Plan (IAP) districts to assist the District Collector has been started. PMRDFs will basically function as development facilitators, assisting the Collector and his/her colleagues by actively pursuing a district programming approach.

(d): Ministry of Rural Development has no information in this regard.