

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CLUSTERS FOR SELF HELP GROUPS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is developing clusters for Self Help Groups; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) advocates building of federations of Self Help Groups (SHGs) at different levels for sustaining collective action. Building and sustaining institutions of the poor at various levels would be for collective action, greater solidarity, bargaining power, economies of scale and larger linkages. Following the principles of subsidiarity, the federation at each level would have its own purpose, functionality and identity. These institutions would be independent, yet organically interdependent.

The States, however, would determine the levels and locations of federations in accordance with their local administrative set up i.e. village, gram panchayat, cluster, block etc., guided by the federating logic and best practices and experience.