

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ERADICATION OF POVERTY IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the schemes of Union Government which are being implemented for eradication of Poverty in Bihar;
- (b) the funds allocated and spent for these schemes during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed or monitored the said poverty eradication schemes in Bihar; and
- (d) if so, the outcome of the review or monitoring done during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a): The Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing through State Governments the major centrally sponsored schemes namely Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)/ National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) for employment generation and eradication of poverty in rural areas of all the States including Bihar.

(b): The Central allocation and utilization under SGSY was Rs. 1107.11 crore and Rs. 724.78 crore respectively during the last three years i.e. (2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12) and current financial year 2012-13. Under MGNREGA, central releases and utilization/spent was Rs. 4883.27 crore and Rs. 6305.69 crore respectively during the same reference period. The expenditure is out of the total available funds which include opening balance +central release + state release + miscellaneous receipts.

(c)&(d): The Ministry of Rural Development has been constantly monitoring and reviewing the implementation and impact of the programmes including utilization of funds through on line Periodical Progress Reports, Performance Review Committee, Area Officers Scheme, Vigilance and Monitoring Committee at the State/District level, and National Level Monitors. Besides, the State Governments have been advised to adopt a five-pronged strategy consisting of (i) creation of awareness about the schemes, (ii) transparency,(iii) people`s partnership, (iv) accountability, social audit and (v) strict vigilance and monitoring at all levels. The outcome of review/monitoring of programmes indicates better implementation of poverty alleviation programmes in the State of Bihar.