

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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BHARAT RURAL LIVELIHOODS FOUNDATION
De Dr. Ratna

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to establish a Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the purpose of setting up of the foundation and the areas covered under it; and
- (d) the manner in which the foundation is to be funded?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a) to (d): Hon`ble Finance Minister of India in his Union Budget speech 2012-13 has indicated the commitment of the Government to establish a Bharat Livelihoods Foundation of India through Aajeevika. The Foundation would support and scale up civil society initiatives and interventions particularly in the tribal regions covering around 170 districts. Private trusts and philanthropic organizations would be encouraged to partner with the autonomous body that will be managed professionally