

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ECONOMIC GROWTH IN RURAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether economic growth in the rural areas has been more than the economic growth in the urban areas as revealed by the final report of the National Sample Survey Organisation;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the basic reasons for the said economic growth;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the said growth is nominal; and
- (f) if so, the extent to which the said growth is likely to be helpful in making the people of rural areas self-reliant?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): According to the Revised Estimates brought out by the Central Statistical Office (CSO), agriculture forestry and fishing sector has shown a growth rate of 2.8% in 2011-12. The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing major schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act(MGNREGA), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), National Rural Livelihoods Mission/Aajeevika, India Awaas Yojana for the benefit of the rural areas.