

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SARANDA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has proposed Saranda development project in the naxal-affected districts of the country to wean away the youth and bring them back on main stream;
- (b) if so, the details and the current status thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to include some other areas of the country under the scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete the project within the stipulated time frame?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Saranda Action Plan is being implemented in Saranda forest area in Manoharpur block of West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand State. As informed by the State Government of Jharkhand, in order to wean away the youth and bring them back on main stream following steps have been initiated under Saranda Action Plan:

(i) The local tribal youth are deployed as Rozgar Mitra to carry out developmental interventions to make district administration's presence felt in remote and inaccessible Saranda Forest area under MGNREGA. The district administration of West Singhbhum has appointed 54 Gram Rojgar Sevak for 56 tribal hamlets spread over 6 Gram Panchayats of this area.

(ii) Additionally, under National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) a partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP), Andhra Pradesh for effective Social Mobilization and Institution Building Process in the resource blocks of West Singhbhum district. The strategy focuses on development of community resource persons to promote livelihood interventions through Self Help Group. Apparel Training Design Centre (ATDC) has also opened a skill training centre at Chibasa and the trainees from Saranda area are being mobilized to this centre to undertake skill trainings. At least 30 per cent of the seats are kept reserved for the youth of Saranda forest area.

(c)&(d): At present Saranda Action Plan is being implemented in Saranda forest of Manoharpur block of West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand State.

(e): Saranda Action Plan is being implemented by State Government of Jharkhand. As informed by the State Government, implementation of the Saranda Action Plan will be ensured within the stipulated timeframe provided under various schemes.