

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EVALUATION OF NIRD
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has evaluated the performance of National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to further strengthen the institute by starting off Campus Centres in more States including Kerala;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the name of places identified for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SISIR ADHIKARI)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad has evaluated the training performance of National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) and has observed that the Institute has delivered through its numerous training programmes and research studies. The study showed more than eighty percent satisfaction levels among the trainees. It was found that there were `perceptible behavioural changes` because of learning through training. The study also emphasized increased adoption of group discussions as a pedagogical technique.

(c)&(d): The NIRD has two Regional Centres viz. NIRD-North-Eastern Regional Centre, Guwahati and another NIRD-Eastern Regional Centre at Patna. The establishment of a NIRD- Centre for Rural Employment and Livelihood Studies at Jaipur during 2009-2010 has been approved by the Executive Council of NIRD. Currently, there are no plans to start more off campus Centres in other States, including Kerala.