

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of rural households could not utilize the provision of hundred days employment and that only 3.2% of the rural households had completed hundred days of employment in the 33 districts affected by naxalism and drought during 2008-09 and the reasons for low penetration of the programme in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has urged the State Governments to implement the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) in more meaningful manner especially in Naxal hit areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): 10.15% rural households had completed hundred days of employment in the naxal affected districts covered under NREGA during 2008-09. Lack of awareness among the rural population may be one of the reasons for low penetration of NREGA in remote rural areas.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. Instructions dated 27.10.2009 have been issued to States for implementation of NREGA in a more meaningful way in Naxal hit areas. The States have been instructed to intensify awareness generation campaign among rural households, issuance of job cards, implementing sufficient number of works and timely payment of wages. Details of the instruction are available at NREGA website www.nrega.nic.in.