

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:592

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RELIEF TO DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to fallback on the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act to provide relief to people of drought affected areas in the country; and

(b) if so, the time by which the scheme is to be started in the drought affected districts of the country?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): This Ministry has issued advisories to drought-affected States to meet employment demand in accordance with provisions of the Act. No separate scheme has been formulated by this Ministry exclusively for drought-affected districts.