

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the economic activities are concentrated in cities only as compared to the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof in the 11th and 12th Five Year Plan period, State-wise and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken to improve the concentration of economic activities in rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c): The Government has been implementing various Social Sector programmes to boost economic activities in the rural areas which includes programmes like Mahatma Gandhi NREGA and Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) / National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) These programmes have made a positive dent in overall improvement in economic activities in rural areas The State-wise performance of these programmes in the last three years are at Annexure.