

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1693
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SARANDA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action plan has been prepared by the Government under Saranda Action Plan for over all development Saranda forest area of Jharkhand State;
- (b) if so, the current status thereof;
- (c) whether Saranda forest area is affected by extremism and is a tribal and socially, economically and culturally backward area;
- (d) if so, whether baseline survey had been conducted before implementing the Saranda Action Plan;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to include Podahat forest area under Saranda Action Plan or to implement any Podahat action Plan under the policy of balanced regional development; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes sir, Saranda Development Plan is being implemented in the Saranda forest area of West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand state.

(b) As informed by the Government of Jharkhand, under this plan short-term and medium-term interventions have been proposed. The short-term interventions, which have been completed, include provision of solar lamps, distribution of bicycles and transistors, inclusion of around 3,000 eligible households under the BPL category, provision of IAY houses, provision of employment under MGNREGA with the help of Atirikt Rozgar Sewaks, employment linked skill training to youths and construction of roads under PMGSY. The proposed medium term interventions include promotion of sustainable livelihood through SHGs, establishment of residential schools- Ashram schools and construction of ICDS centres.

A steering committee under the chairmanship of Development Commissioner, Government of Jharkhand has been formed to monitor the progress made under the Plan. The current status of the projects is as under:

- (i) 7,000 solar lamps, transistors and bicycles are distributed;
- (ii) 5,500 families received the first installment and 1,500 families received the second installment under Indira Awas Yojana;
- (iii) Under NRLM, 91 new SHGs have been formed and 24 old SHGs have been strengthened and revived;
- (iv) Two roads under PMGSY have been completed and eleven are under progress;
- (v) 10 forest villages have been given forest pattas;
- (vi) Gurukul has been set up to provide skill based training to the youths of Saranda;
- (vii) 118 hand pumps have been installed; and
- (viii) 56 Atirikta Rozgar Sewak and 36 Atirikta Rozgar Sevika have been selected.

(c) Yes sir.

(d) and (e) No sir.

(f) and (g) There is no such proposal to include Podahat forest area under Saranda Action Plan.

