

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether development of the rural areas in the country is very much less in comparison to the urban areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for development of rural areas in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : The development process are at different pace in rural and urban areas. However, the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing through State Governments and UT Administrations various rural development programmes namely; Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY)/ National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and Integrated Watershed Management Programmes (IWMP). The objectives of these programmes are to bring about holistic development and overall improvement in the quality of life in rural areas through providing employment, rural connectivity and basic amenities.