

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of the major issues highlighted under rural development programmes in the country in the ensuing 12th Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether the Government has achieved the targets set under rural development schemes during the 11th Five Year Plan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is any monitoring cell to oversee the progress of the schemes as per target set under the ensuing 12th Five Year Plan;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): The major issues highlighted under rural development programmes in the country for the ensuing 12th Five Year Plan inter-alia relate to use of information technology, quality of assets, financial inclusion, social security mechanism, skill development for self employment & wage employment; strengthening livelihoods of poor through various programmes like Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP), synergy with agriculture, convergence with programmes of other Ministries/Departments, transparency and accountancy etc ;

(b)&(c): the details of achievements and targets under major schemes of the rural development are annexure I & II.

(d)to(f): With regard to monitoring of schemes and to oversee the progress, the government has approved the establishment of an Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) to undertake impartial and objective assessment of the various public programmes and improve the effectiveness of public interventions and advise the Planning Commission and implementing agencies in developing appropriate management system consistent with evaluation objectives. Besides, monitoring is being done in the Ministry to ensure efficient and proper implementation of the Rural Development Schemes through monthly and annual progress reports, periodical review meetings with the officers of the state governments and field visits by the officers` of the Ministry under Area Officer`s Scheme and visits by the National Level Monitors (NLMs).