

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CONCURRENT EVALUATION NETWORK

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has institutionalized concurrent evaluation network to assess the rural development programmes on a monthly or bi-monthly bases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the percentage of fund spend on works relating to water conservation, rain water harvesting and watershed management programmes under the Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Deployment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (d) whether drinking water and sanitation areas are not being given due importance under the scheme;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to give more freedom to States in selecting the priority areas in accordance with the local needs; and
- (g) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Rural Development conducts concurrent evaluation of major rural development programmes through reputed independent research institutions/ organizations periodically. Such evaluation studies have been conducted in respect of SGSY, PMGSY, DRD Administration, SIRDs and various studies on specific objectives of MGNREGA had been conducted through professional institutions.

(c): Out of the total expenditure of Rs. 34938.32 crore, the percentage expenditure on water conservation and water harvesting is 20.71%, flood control 5.05 %, draught proofing 5.94%, micro irrigation 6.27%, provision of irrigation facility to land development 4.79 % and renovation of traditional water bodies 8.99% during 2011-12.

(d) & (e): MGNREGA guidelines provides advocate provisions for taking now activities for rural drinking water related works, such as, soak pit and recharge pits. Similarly, rural sanitation related works such as, individual household latrines, school toilet units, aganwadi toilets, solid and liquid waste management are permissible under MGNREGA.

(f) & (g): The programme guidelines envisage the State Governments and implementing agencies for better convergence to create a positive synergy between MGNREGA and agriculture and allied rural livelihood.