

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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LOCAL AREA EMPLOYMENT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch local area employment scheme for educated rural youth;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the government is also considering accredited skill development courses for rural youth with job guarantee scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Government is already implementing Aajeevika Skill Development Programme whereby rural BPL youths are given training to equip them with employable skills and enable them to secure wage employment in the industry or other sectors. The projects are implemented in partnership with private sector and civil society organizations, who undertake the training of BPL youth and support their placement on the basis of projects sanctioned by the Ministry. These projects offer free placement linked intensive, short term skill training that include technical skills and soft skills to ensure sustainability in the employment of the trainee.

(c) & (d) The Aajeevika Skill Development Programme ensures that the Project Implementing Agencies must have independent certification and assessment of course curriculum and trainees by third party agencies. The programme mandates that 75% of the youth trained have to be given placement in an organised sector job on a salary which is not less than the minimum wages prescribed by the State Government.