

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5904

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BHARAT RURAL LIVELIHOODS FOUNDATION

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to set up a Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF);
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government had requested the corporate houses to contribute to BRLF;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the response received by the Union Government from the corporate houses;
- (e) whether the rural livelihoods schemes would be launched in all districts of the country; and
- (f) 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, Madam.

(b): The Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF) is proposed to be set up as not-for-profit society to facilitate and upscale civil society action in partnership with Government for transforming livelihood and lives in rural households, with emphasis on women. The Government has not set up the BRLF till date.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): Corporate houses had been requested to partner with the proposed BRLF so far. M/s Sir Ratan Tata Trust has agreed to partner and contribute to the BRLF corpus.

(e)&(f): BRLF is proposed to be set up as a society with an All-India mandate, initially focusing on approximately 170 tribal populated districts of Central India.