

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has adopted various strategies for coordinating with various agencies to speed up the rural development process;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of various problems being faced by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to overcome these problems?

Answer

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

(a) &(b) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing various schemes through State Governments and Union Territory Administrations(UTs) in rural areas of the country. The Ministry coordinates with the Planning Commission, Ministry of Finance, other concerned Ministries at the Central level and District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs)/Zilla Parishads (ZPs) and other implementing agencies in the States and UTs to speed up the development process.

(c) The problems in the implementation of rural development schemes at grass root level are mainly shortage of skilled officials, lack of proper training, effective coordination among the line Departments and natural calamities/disasters.

(d) The Ministry of Rural Development has been advising the State Governments and UTs in various review meetings to take appropriate action for effective and speedy implementation of rural development programmes so that the benefits of the programmes may reach the target groups. Besides, the Ministry has developed a comprehensive system of monitoring the implementation and impact of the programmes including utilization of funds through Periodical Progress Reports, Performance Review Committee, Area Officer's Scheme, Vigilance and Monitoring Committee at the State/District Level, and National Level Monitors. Besides, the State Governments have been advised to adopt five pronged strategy i.e. (i) creation of awareness about the schemes,(ii) transparency, (iii) people's partnership, (iv) accountability, social audit and (v) strict vigilance and monitoring at all levels to improve the implementation process.