

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL RURAL LIVELIHOODS MISSION

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

- (a) the details of the schemes formulated by the Union Government to spread the reach of microcredit and give skill development to poor;
- (b) whether the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) is one of the major programmes in this direction;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the total funds sanctioned, released and spend under NRLM during the last three years and the current year, State/UT and year-wise;
- (e) whether the NRLM is suffering from some shortcomings; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government for its effective implementation?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : The Government is implementing a number of schemes to spread the reach of micro credit and give skill development to poor. This includes schemes called National Rural Livelihoods Mission - renamed as Aajeevika and Women Self Help Group Scheme. National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) is a comprehensive poverty eradication programme through social mobilization, institution building financial inclusion and multiple livelihoods for the poor. Under the program, Revolving Fund and Community Investment Fund is provided to institutions of poor who in turn give credit to members of Self Help Group. Besides, the banks provide credit to the Self Help Groups (SHGs) under Priority Sector lending. The Women Self Help Group Scheme seeks to empower women and promote their Self Help Groups (SHGs). A Women SHGs Development Fund has been created which is being operated by NABARD. The scheme was announced in the year 2011-12. It is being operationalized in 150 most backwards districts including Left Wing Extremism (LWE) districts.

For providing skills to the poor, a number of programmes are being implemented. This includes imparting skills by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and also under skills and RSETI component of NRLM.

The National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) has been launched on 3rd June, 2011. Under NRLM it is proposed to cover all rural poor families, in a phased manner. It is estimated that around 7.0 crore rural poor women need to be supported to come out of poverty. A woman member from each household will be organized into SHGs, and all SHGs will be provided continuous hand holding and capacity building support. Each SHG will be nurtured for a period of 6 - 8 years. The SHGs will be federated at village level and at cluster level, for a group of villages. They will be enabled to access financial services, livelihoods promotion services, enabled to access their entitlements, etc.

(d) A statement is annexed as Annexure I.

(e) & (f):- NRLM is in initial stages as preparatory work is going on and ground level implementation has just started. Any evaluation studies can only be done after the programme has achieved some scale and been implemented for some period of time.