

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ROSHNI SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch a new scheme 'Roshni' in 24 most naxal affected districts of the country for skill development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this programmes would be different in any manner from the existing programme of skill development;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the objectives for launching this new programme?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The Government has launched a new initiative under Aajeevika Skills called "Roshni" on 7th June, 2013. Roshni is a placement linked skill development initiative for youth in the 27 most critical left wing extremist affected districts in 9 States. It will cover 50,000 youths in the age group of 18-35 years in the three years. The details of districts covered by Roshni, state-wise are as under:

Sr.No.	Name of State	Districts
1	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
2	Bihar	Gaya, Jamui
3	Chhattisgarh	Balrampur, Bijapur, Bastar, Dantewada, Kanker, Kondagaon, Narayanpur, and Sukma
4	Jharkhand	Chatra, Garhwa, Gumla, Latehar, Palamau and West Singhbhum
5	Madhya Pradesh	Balaghat
6	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli
7	Odisha	Gajapati, Kandhamal, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nuapada and Rayagada.
8	Uttar Pradesh	Sonebhadra
9	West Bengal	Midnapore West

- (c) Yes, madam.
- (d) The Roshni initiative is different on the following points:
 - (i) As against a 3 months training programmes in the existing Aajeevika Skills Programme, there are four training modules with durations of 3 months, 6 months, 9 months and 1 year under Roshni.
 - (ii) Roshni requires at least 50% coverage of women candidates in training.
 - (iii) Roshni is focused on candidates in 27 districts in 9 States.
- (e) Does not arise in view of reply given in (c) above.