

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SELF HELP GROUPS UNDER NRLM

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) has made a provision that Self Help Groups (SHGs) members would take up micro enterprises for enhancing their income and also have access to credit and other financial services from banks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of members of SHGs who have set up micro enterprises in various States including Karnataka and the investment made in it;
- (d) whether there is need to create adequate awareness in this area;
- (e) if so, the response of the Government in this regard;
- (f) whether the Government has taken any steps to conduct audit of the financial transaction of the SHGs; and (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) renamed as Aajeevika, aims at mobilizing all rural poor households into Self Help Groups in a phased manner, build institutions of poor by federating them at village/cluster/block level, provide long term support to attain appreciable increase in incomes through credit linkage and multiple livelihood options. Under NRLM, Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) have been set up, one per district, to promote micro enterprises. Currently, 567 such institutes are functioning across the country. During 2013-14 (up to December 2013), 2,27,467 rural poor, including members of SHGs, have been trained by the RSETIs, of whom 44720 have been settled with bank credit and 71999 have been settled without bank credit. Statewise training and settlement details of RSETIs for the period April 2013 – December 2013 is given in annexure. Regular Entrepreneurship Awareness Programs are conducted by the RSETIs in order to mobilize prospective entrepreneurs.

(f) & (g) The Self Help Groups are informal groups whose activities are not audited. They are however graded regularly on a variety of parameters, including maintenance of books of accounts. Their access to credit from banks and the resources under NRLM is based on the grading.

The village/cluster/block federations of SHGs are formal entities who are registered either as cooperatives or as societies. Their activities are audited regularly.