

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether work is going on under various rural development schemes with foreign assistance in rural areas of certain States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the total funds received and utilized under foreign assistance to various rural development schemes during the last three years and current year, State/year and scheme-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure optimum utilisation of the funds allocated for the said projects?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing through State Governments some components/portions of the schemes, namely, National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) through foreign assistance. Under the National Rural Livelihood Projects (NRLP) of NRLM, a portion is assisted in 412 blocks of 13 districts in 13 high poverty states namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal through World Bank assistance. The rural road works under PMGSY are implemented with Asian Development Bank (ADB) assistance in the states of Assam, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal. The rural road projects with the World Bank assistance are implemented in the states of Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

(c): State-wise funds released and utilized under NRLM with foreign assistance during the last two years (i.e. 2011-12 and 2012-13) and the current year 2013-14 (upto December 2013) are given at Annexure.

(d): The progress of World Bank aided projects is reviewed by the Ministry of Rural Development and the World Bank at different levels from time to time. This is regularly monitored through quarterly interim Unaudited Financial Reports (UFRs), joint physical reviews by the World Bank and Ministry of Rural Development teams on half yearly basis and Performance Review Committee meetings to ensure optimum utilization of funds.