

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SELF EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the nationalised banks are not providing financial assistance for self-employment programmes in the rural regions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received complaints from the State Governments in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): As per Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) extant guidelines on priority sector lending (PSL), loans are being provided by all domestic scheduled commercial banks to weaker sections that include small and marginal farmers, SCs/STs, landless labourers, under privileged, beneficiaries of government sponsored employment generating programmes like Swarnajayanti Gram SwarozgarYojana (SGSY) renamed as National Rural Livelihood Mission(NRLM), SwarnaJayantiSahariRozgarYojana (SJSRY), Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS). No complaints have been received from the State Governments, in this regard.