

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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MONITORING OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

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

- (a) whether the Government has placed monitoring mechanism to monitor implementation of various rural development schemes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any study in the recent past to review/assess the performance of these schemes;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof during the last three years and the current year, State/ UT and year-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the monitoring mechanism for betterment of the administrative control in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the other initiatives that the Government contemplates to ensure proper implementation of these schemes?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a & b) The Ministry of Rural Development places special emphasis on monitoring of its programmes being implemented in rural areas. Effective monitoring of the programmes is considered very important for efficient delivery at the grass root level particularly in view of the substantial allocation of funds for rural development programmes. In order to ensure this, the Ministry has evolved a comprehensive multi-level and multi-tool system of Monitoring for implementation of its programmes. Appropriate objectively verifiable performance indicators have been developed for each of the specific programmes, for effective monitoring at the District, Block, Gram Panchayat and Village levels so that alarm signals can be captured well in advance for mid-course corrections. The important instruments of monitoring are Review by Union Ministers, On-Line Reporting through MIS, Utilization Certificates/Audit Reports, Performance Review Committee Meeting/Regional Review Meeting, National Level Monitors, Vigilance and Monitoring Committees and Area Officers' Scheme.

(c & d) In the last three years Ministry has conducted Evaluation/Impact Assessment Study of Placement Linked Skill Development Special Projects under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana and Concurrent evaluation of Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme at all India level through Third party evaluators. The programme evaluating agencies found that these programmes are beneficial for economic and social upliftment of targeted beneficiaries. However, they recommended the need to ensure gender sensitivity, change in selection/verification criteria, awareness generation among the people etc.

(e & f) Web based Management Information Systems for different schemes have been developed to track the physical and financial progress of the schemes in real time. IEC initiatives were taken for awareness generation about the schemes. In addition to this, guidelines of National Level Monitors, Vigilance and Monitoring Committees and Area Officers' Scheme have been modified to ensure better monitoring of the schemes.