

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2558
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2015
SETTING UP OF VILLAGE CLUSTERS
Adhikari Shri Sisir Kumar;K. Shri Parasuraman

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to set up village clusters in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the beneficiaries under Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission that provides for integrated project based infrastructure in the rural areas; and
- (d) the details of the budget estimates and arrangements of funds proposed for rurban project?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Yes Madam. The Government proposes to develop rural clusters in the country under Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM), with the objective of improving the quality of life of the people in the cluster, bridging the rural urban divide and reducing migration from rural to urban areas. The EFC note for the scheme has been circulated to the Ministries/Departments for obtaining their comments. For 2015-16 budget estimate for SPMRM is Rs.300 crore.