

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BHARAT RURAL LIVELIHOOD FOUNDATION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF) for transforming livelihoods and lives of rural households;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof along with its terms of reference, aims and objectives; and
- (c) the success achieved by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The salient features of B.R.L.F. are:

(i) B.R.L.F.'s mission is to facilitate and upscale civil society action in partnership with Government for transforming livelihoods and lives of rural households, with an emphasis on women, particularly in the Central Indian Tribal Region.

(ii) B.R.L.F. will provide financial grants to civil society organisations (C.S.Os) to meet their human resource and institutional costs for upscaling of proven interventions, invest in institutional strengthening of smaller C.S.Os, and, capacity building of professional human resources working at the grassroots.

(iii) B.R.L.F will continuously facilitate projects receiving its grant support through all levels of Government to ensure smooth flow and utilization of Government funds to rural communities and poor households.

(iv) Government of India has committed a sum of Rs. 500 Crore for creating the corpus fund for BRLF out of which the first tranche of Rs. 200 Crore has been provided to BRLF.

(c) As per available information, important achievements in respect of BRLF has been as follows:

(i) release of 1st tranche of Government funds of Rs.200 crores to BRLF.

(ii) BRLF mobilized contributions of Rs.10 crores from TATA Trusts, Rs.80.85 lakhs from UNDP and Rs.10 lakhs individual contribution from Shri Nimesh Sumati.