

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PROJECTS UNDER SAGY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a committee to delineate non-forest land, forest and inhabit land in the villages for executing developmental projects under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any involvement of Panchayats is considered by the Government for executing projects under SAGY; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No Madam.
- (b) The question does not arise in view of (a).
- (c) & (d) SAGY is primarily about unleashing the power of people who are expected to inculcate pride in village, encourage societal change/behavioural change, take collective responsibility and initiate People's projects. The achievement of this is intended through the convergence and implementation of existing Government Schemes and Programmes without allocating additional funds or starting new infrastructure or construction schemes. With this aim, as approved by the Union Cabinet, Secretaries of the relevant Ministries / Departments of the Central Government have been requested by the Ministry of Rural Development to make suitable changes, wherever appropriate, in the guidelines of their respective Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes / Programmes to enable priority to be given to the Gram Panchayats selected under SAGY. A request has also been made to States governments for according similar priority to SAGY under the State Schemes and Programmes. A Village Development Plan (VDP) will be prepared for each SAGY Gram Panchayat on the basis of the needs prioritized by the people. The VDP will be presented to the Gram Sabha for discussion and clearance. The involvement of Panchyats in the execution of projects/activities listed in the VDP will be governed by the guidelines of the above Government Schemes/Guidelines.