

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1001
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BHARAT RURAL LIVELIHOODS FOUNDATION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had signed any MoU with Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF) making it a funding agency for Non-Governmental Organisations across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether BRLF is full of members from the erstwhile National Advisory Council;
- (d) if so, the composition of the Foundation and details of its members;
- (e) whether the present Government has taken a decision to review the previous Government's decision on setting up of BRLF; and
- (f) if so, the details with action planned thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) & (b) The Government has signed an MoU with BRLF, which has the mandate mission to facilitate and upscale civil society action in partnership with the Government for transforming lives and livelihoods of the rural households, with an emphasis on women, particularly in the Central Indian Tribal Region in its initial years of functioning.

(c) Out of total sixty (60) members in the General Body of BRLF, the following four (4) members are from the erstwhile National Advisory Council:

1. Dr. Mihir Shah
2. Ms. Mirai Chatterjee
3. Ms. Anu Aga
4. Professor VirginiusXaxa

(d) BRLF has representation of members from the Government of India, State Governments, Institutions – Financial, Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs), Philanthropic, Academic, R&D, Trade and Industries and Eminent Persons. The following is the composition of BRLF and details of its members are enclosed at annexure:

Membership in the General Body (GB) of BRLF

Category	No. of Members
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President of BRLF	1
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Chief Executive Officer of BRLF (Member Secretary) Government of India	4
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State Government	9
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Eminent Persons	30
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Institutions - Financial	4
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Institutions - PSUs 2

Institutions - Philanthropic 7
/Academic /R&D

Institutions - Trade 2
/Industries

(e) & (f) No decision has been taken to review the decision to set up BRLF.