

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of various rural development schemes on the lives of the people of rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise; and
- (c) the follow-up steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon, scheme-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Ministry organized evaluation studies, including impact assessment through third party independent evaluators. Some of the evaluation/impact assessment studies completed are, (i) Impact Assessment of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)
(ii) Evaluation of Placement Linked Skill Development Special Projects under SGSY and
(iii) Evaluation of Training Programmes conducted by State Institute of Rural Developments (SIRD).

(c) To take corrective measures on findings of various studies, the reports have been sent to all concerned authorities including States/DRDAs/Programme Divisions of the Ministry. These findings are also discussed with the concerned authorities by officers during their visits in the States/Districts and also in Project Directors Conference, Review Meetings taken by Minister(RD)/ MoS(RD)/Secretary(RD) etc. Moreover, reports of the studies are widely distributed to all concerned Departments/Ministries including Cabinet Secretariat, Planning Commission, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation etc. The Ministry while launching new schemes/projects, modifying the existing scheme/projects and changing the guidelines of various schemes, takes into account the findings and recommendations of these evaluation studies.