

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PRIME MINISTER S RURAL DEVELOPMENT FELLOWS SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellows Scheme run by the Ministry, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Bihar is covered under the Scheme;
- (c) if so, the details of academicians and professionals involved in the Scheme; and
- (d) the funds allocated for the scheme, States/UT wise?

Answer

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

- (a) As per available information, a total of 268 Fellows have been posted currently in 111 backward districts in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland.
- (b) Yes, Madam.
- (c) As per available information, details of 29 Fellows posted in Bihar are given in Annexure.
- (d) The total allocation for PMRDF Scheme is Rs. 40 Crore in the Financial Year 2014-15. The Scheme is implemented through Council for Advancement of People's Action Rural Technology (CAPART) and therefore no funds have been allocated to States/UTs.