

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INVOLVEMENT OF SARPANCHS IN DEVELOPMENT WORKS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sarpanchs are unable to carry out the development works under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government propose to get the developmental works done through some other agency in the event of the inability of Sarpanchs to carry out the same under MGNREGS;
- (c) if so, the names of various agencies through which the Government propose to carry out the said works; and
- (d) if not, the steps to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

- (a) The works are to be arranged by Panchayats and not Sarpanch.
- (b & c) Under MGNREGA, apart from Gram Panchayats, intermediate, District Panchayats and line departments can also be the implementing agencies for taking up works under the scheme.
- (d) Regular capacity building programmes are arranged for the field functionaries.