

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CHANGES IN NRLM
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make changes in the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM);
- (b) if so, the proposed changes in the scheme;
- (c) whether the Government has consulted the State Governments in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development proposes to make the following major additions / changes in the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM):-

(i) At present, there is a provision of 3% interest subvention to all women Self Help Groups (SHGs) on prompt repayment of loans in 150 districts. This is proposed to be extended to another 100 districts. This is in pursuance of the announcement made by the Finance Minister in his budget speech for 2014-15.

(ii) Introducing a new "Start Up Village Entrepreneurship Programme" under NRLM. This is also in pursuance of the announcement made by the Finance Minister in his budget speech for 2014-15.

(iii) Special provisions under NRLM for North Eastern states to enable a saturated coverage of all vulnerable households in the rural areas of the NE states by the year 2020-21.

(iv) Removal of the existing restriction which limits the allocation for Placement Linked Skill Development Projects (under Aajeevika Skills component of NRLM) to 25% of NRLM allocation.

(c) and (d) In order to improve the programme implementation, consultations and inter-action with the State Governments is a continuous process. Most of the changes have been proposed on the basis of the demands from the various State governments during various workshops and meetings of the Performance Review Committee etc.