

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many regions including Birbhum in the State of West Bengal have not been covered under Intensive Participatory Planning Exercise (IPPE) of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to cover all the regions of the State under IPPE; and
- (c) whether payment of wages is due for Birbhum region and if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken thereon by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

- (a) & (b): The Intensive Participatory Planning Exercise (IPPE) has been proposed to be conducted in backward Blocks of the Country as selected by the State Governments to improve the planning processes in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). It is for the State Governments to identify such backward Blocks. The State of West Bengal has identified 124 backward blocks including 10 backward blocks in the Birbhum District.
- (c): The Ministry has recently released Rs.75520.18 lakh to State Government of West Bengal for liquidating the pending liabilities as reported by the State Government.