GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3580
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2019

PMRDF SCHEME

3580. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing the Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellowship (PMRDF) Scheme, and if so, the details thereof, including the locations of existing PMRDFS across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any performance review of the Fellowship Scheme, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) the corrective steps taken to improve the working of the Fellowship Scheme; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to continue with the Fellowship Scheme to cover all districts of the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a):   The Ministry is implementing Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellowship (PMRDF) Scheme in partnership with State Governments, since 2012. The Fellowship is a short term work opportunity for Young Professionals to serve and learn in the backward areas of the country. The Ministry had recruited fellows in two batches. The first batch of 156 fellows was recruited in 2012 and the second batch of 160 fellows was recruited in 2014. The first batch completed the Fellowship in the year 2016 and the second batch completed the Fellowship in 2017. At present no fellows are posted in any State/UT.

(b) to (d):   A Rapid Review of Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellowship scheme was conducted in 2013-14 with the support of UNICEF and the final report was submitted in February, 2014. The Report has brought out a mixed picture on the performance of the PMRDF and made recommendations regarding improving the scheme by addressing its shortcomings. Some modifications in this scheme are under consideration in the Ministry based on the findings of the Rapid Review of the scheme.

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