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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF VILLAGES

123. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

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

- (a) whether many villages in the country are lagging behind since independence;
- (b) if so, the current details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the names of the employment schemes and the villages where such schemes are being implemented;
- (d) the short comings found in the current employment schemes; and
- (e) the schemes being prepared for rural development for the coming years after removing the shortcomings?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) and (b): The existence of regional disparities and intra-region disparities in the country in terms of development has been recognized in the development policy since independence. However, the Ministry of Rural Development has not prepared any index ranking the villages on the basis of their level of development. The disparities in the development of villages may be due to a variety of reasons which may include historical factors, resource endowment, geographical factors.

(c) to (e): The Ministry is implementing two major programmes i.e. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) which is a rights based wage employment programme and National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) to strengthen the livelihood of the rural poor especially the women and the other marginalized sections of the society in the rural areas. These programmes are being implemented in all the rural districts of the country. These programmes are being intensively monitored and evaluated to get the feedback on their implementation. For this purpose the Ministry has evolved a multi tool mechanism to get the feedback. Improving the effectiveness of these programmes is a continuous process and decisions to modify the guidelines etc. are taken based on the inputs gathered over a period of time.