

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3007**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2016

**IMPROVEMENT IN NIRD AND SIRDS**

**3007. DR. V. MAITREYAN:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans to improve and extend the activities of NIRD and SIRDS in training, research, consultancy and information dissemination in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any special component scheme to provide support to States to reach out to all villages and Panchayats;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (e) the financial assistance provided for development of NIRD and SIRDS by both private and public sector companies, external funding agencies and international organisations?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)**

(a) to (e): Capacity building of rural development functionaries and Panchayati Raj Institutions through training programmes, research/action research, consultancy, information dissemination etc is a continuous process and is done through National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRD &PR), Hyderabad and State Institutes of Rural Development (SIRDs) of different states. The Government provides financial support to NIRD &PR and SIRDs including the SIRD of Tamil Nadu for their various activities in the field of rural development.

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