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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2205
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/08/2024

ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER DAY-NRLM

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SHRI BABURAM NISHAD:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the achievements made under the DeendayalAntyodayaYojna-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM);and
- (b) the benefits of the Mission for women?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. CHANDRA SEKHAR PEMMASANI)

(a): The Ministry is implementing DeendayalAntyodayaYojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY – NRLM) across the country (except Delhi & Chandigarh) with the objective of organizing the rural poor women into Self Help Groups (SHGs) and continuously nurturing and supporting them till they attain appreciable increase in incomes over a period of time. The efforts under the programme aim at improving their quality of life and help them to come out of abject poverty. As of 30th June 2024, the Mission has achieved implementation in 7135 blocks in 742 districts across 28 States and 6 UTs, mobilizing 10.05 crore women into more than 90.86 lakh SHGs.

(b): The DAY-NRLM scheme is a comprehensive initiative designed to empower rural women and enhance their livelihoods by fostering community institutions that provide crucial financial, technical, and marketing resources. It emphasizes social inclusion through Social Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) and facilitates access to government schemes like Swachh Bharat Mission and PoshanAbhiyan, ensuring multi-sectoral convergence. The scheme enhances financial inclusion by offering affordable Banking services, particularly in remote areas, through digital finance and training SHG women as Banking Correspondent Sakhis. DAY-NRLM supports both farm and non-farm livelihoods, empowering women farmers with agro-ecological practices and market access, while promoting micro-enterprises such as handicrafts and food processing through initiatives like the Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Program (SVEP) and AajeevikaGramin Express Yojana (AGEY). Further, the engagement of SHG members as trained Community Resource Persons (CRPs) and the provision of favorable credit terms via the "Women Enterprise Acceleration Fund (WEAF)" bolsters women's economic empowerment and strengthens the rural economy.
