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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 778
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05/12/2025

**DISENGAGEMENT OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
PANCHAYATI RAJ**

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Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to disengage and reduce considerably the funding for the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR) and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether a transition plan has been shared with employees, pensioners and stakeholders regarding future institutional operations and livelihood support; and
- (c) the details of action the Ministry plans to take to fulfil its rural development and training mandate without the involvement of NIRD&PR, which has historically served as the apex capacity-building institution?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)

(a): Based on the recommendations of the Department of Expenditure (DoE), a proposal has been prepared for the disengagement of NIRD&PR from the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) in terms of financial support and administrative control to make it financially independent for exploring self-sustaining revenue streams. This disengagement aims to transform NIRD&PR into a Center of Excellence/Deemed University engaged in training and research.

(b): A transition framework has been envisaged in the proposal to ensure an orderly shift to the revised arrangement. The necessary provisions have been considered so that the interests of employees, pensioners and other stakeholders remain duly safeguarded.

(c): It has been envisaged that the Ministry will continue to access NIRD&PR's services as client to utilise their expertise in training, research and capacity building. Suitable arrangements have been outlined to ensure continuity of such support, and the Ministry's rural development and training mandate are continued to be met without interruption.
