

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3973
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27/03/2026

RURAL WOMEN IN AI DATA ANNOTATION

3973 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that a large number of data annotators supporting global AI systems are rural women, including Adivasi and Dalit women, engaged in reviewing disturbing content;
- (b) whether low monthly earnings, task-based pay and lack of job security amount to precarious employment;
- (c) measures to recognise data annotation as skilled work with fair wages, social security and mental health support;
- (d) whether rural communities were consulted before promoting AI data centres in tribal regions; and
- (e) safeguards to prevent exploitation of vulnerable rural labour by technology firms?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): The question does not pertain to the Ministry of Rural Development.
