

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 231**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2016

**PRIME MINISTER'S RURAL DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP SCHEME**

**\*231. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is implementing Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellow (PMRDF) Scheme, and if so, the details thereof, including locations of existing PMRDFs across the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any performance review of the Fellowship Scheme and if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereon;
- (c) the corrective steps taken to improve the working of the Fellowship Scheme; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to continue with the Fellowship Scheme to cover all districts of the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)**

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement as referred to in the Answer to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 231**

- (a) Yes, the Ministry is implementing Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellows Scheme in partnership with the State Governments, since 2012. The Fellowship is a short term work opportunity for young professionals to serve and learn in backward areas of the country. The Ministry recruited 156 fellows in Batch I and 160 fellows in batch II. As per available information, presently there are 100 fellows posted in 18 states. The statewise details of fellows are at Annexure.
- (b) to (d) A review team reviewed the scheme. Some modifications in the scheme are under consideration.

## Locations of existing PMRDFs across the country, State/UT-wise

Sl. No.	State	No. of Fellows
1	Andhra Pradesh	3
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3	Assam	9
4	Bihar	6
5	Chhattisgarh	18
6	Jammu & Kashmir	8
7	Jharkhand	17
8	Madhya Pradesh	9
9	Maharashtra	1
10	Manipur	1
11	Meghalaya	2
12	Mizoram	1
13	Nagaland	2
14	Odisha	10
15	Telangana	3
16	Tripura	2
17	Uttar Pradesh	3
18	West Bengal	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>