GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2627 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2016

WOMEN RURAL CO-ORDINATORS

2627. SHRI P. KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has appointed/proposes to appoint women rural coordinators to ensure socio-economic development of women in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;
- (c) whether such projects are likely to be launched in the tribal areas as well;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which the aforementioned proposal/plan is likely to benefit the rural women?

ANSWER

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

to (e): The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Deendayal AntyodayaYojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) with a mandate to focus on poor rural households to ensure their socio-economic development in rural areas including tribal areas. 10-20 poor women from the rural households are organized to form self-help groups (SHGs), 10-20 SHGs are aggregated/ federated into village level organization (VO), 25-40VOs are aggregated to form cluster level federation (CLF). DAY-NRLM has promoted 28.88 lakh SHGs covering about 3.40 crore poor households. These SHGs are aggregated to form 1.55 lakhs Village Organisation and 11460 Cluster Level Federations. Under DAY-NRLM, the State Rural Livelihoods Missions (SRLMs), which are implementing the programme in the states, are setting up Block Mission Management Units (BMMUs) that include area coordinators and cluster coordinators in select blocks to mobilize support to poor women. Women Activists (approximately 2 women activist per village) are also identified in the villages for facilitating the implementation of the programme. The programme is being presently implemented in a phased manner in all States and four Union Territories, and envisages universal coverage of rural poor households by 2024-25. A statement giving State-wise number of professionals working as Block Project Managers/Area-Coordinators/Cluster- Coordinators and the number of Community cadre is enclosed as Annexure-I.

Annexure-I referred in reply to part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2627 for answer on 01.12.2016.

		No. of Intensive Blocks	No. of Persons at Block Level	
S.No.	State			
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands		N.A.	
2	Andhra Pradesh	656	3672	
3	Arunachal Pradesh	4	21	
4	Assam	63	324	
5	Bihar	534	4353	
6	Chhattisgarh	39	296	
7	Goa	3	N.A.	
8	Gujarat	143	270	
9	Haryana	43	85	
10	Himachal Pradesh	12	13	
11	Jammu And Kashmir	23	14	
12	Jharkhand	83	344	
13	Karnataka	84	122	
14	Kerala	152	967	
15	Lakshadweep	N.A.		
16	Madhya Pradesh	164	1434	
17	Maharashtra	50	313	
18	Manipur	4	15	
19	Meghalaya	8	30	
20	Mizoram	10	20	
21	Nagaland	18	105	
22	Odisha	107	506	
23	Puducherry	0	2	
24	Punjab	29	49	
25	Rajasthan	113	253	
26	Sikkim	7	5	
27	Tamil Nadu	290	790	
28	Telangana	442	2887	
29	Tripura	6	64	
30	Uttar Pradesh	78	93	
31	Uttarakhand	15	69	
32	West Bengal	54	46	
Total		3234	17162	

N.A. = Not available