

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 3644
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 07.12.2016**

DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

**3644. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:
SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:**

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country's development agenda suffers from being predominantly top-down now and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any intention to tailor the interventions by considering geography, prevailing culture and lifestyle of the communities for whom interventions are planned;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any true empowerment plans in equipping rural India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTRY OF
HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION**

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) : Allocation of Business Rules 1961, notified on 23rd March, 2015 mandated NITI Aayog inter-alia to 'develop mechanisms to formulate credible plans at the village level and aggregate these progressively at higher levels of government', 'offer a platform for resolution of development agenda' and 'undertake other activities as may be necessary in order to further the national development agenda'. Accordingly, a longer Vision of 15 years is being formulated by NITI Aayog keeping in view the social goals set/ proposed and in consonance with Sustainable Development Goals.

(b) & (c): The emphasis on “Sab Ka Saath, Sab Ka Vikas” by the present Government symbolizes inclusive development. Thus, keeping in view of the geographical spread, diverse culture and varied lifestyles of different communities, high priorities have been accorded to the schemes aimed at alleviation of poverty. Government of India, has also launched a number of programmes/ schemes to improve the standard of living of the people of the country. Some of the newly launched schemes are given at Annexure-I.

(d) & (e): Ministry of Rural Development implements various programmes namely Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Mission, Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana- Gramin (previously Indira Awaas Yojana), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for the benefit of the poor which are aimed at betterment of rural livelihoods and overall development of rural areas through creation of employment opportunities, infrastructure and provision of social security to the rural people. All these programmes empower rural poor. Further, Gram Sabha and Gram Panchayats are being involved in planning and execution of these programmes.

Ministry of Rural Development launched the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 to identify the poor in rural areas and to determine eligibilities and entitlements for different programmes of Ministry of Rural Development. The SECC, 2011 has been concluded in March 2016. The poor are being identified inter alia through claims and objection process duly vetted by Gram Sabha with reference to SECC data.

National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) is being implemented by the State Governments through Department of Rural Development/ Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) /State water supply and Sanitation Boards, etc, with the active involvement of Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs), Line Departments and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Gram Panchayat/Village Water and Sanitation Committees (GPWSC/VWSC) are set up as a Standing Committee/ Sub Committee in each Gram Panchayat for planning, monitoring, implementation and operation and maintenance of their Water Supply Scheme to ensure active participation of the villagers.

ANNEXURE-I

S.No.	Programme / Initiative	Objectives
1.	Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana	To achieve 100% financial inclusion
2.	Mission Housing for All (Sardar Patel Urban Housing Mission)	To provide housing by 2022 to all eligible
3.	Digital India	To achieve digitally empowered knowledge economy
4.	Make In India	To make India a global manufacturing hub
5.	Skill India	To fast-track skill development efforts
6.	Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana	To achieve 100% rural electrification
7.	Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana	To achieve water efficiency
8.	Soil Health Card Scheme	To improve farm productivity
9.	Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao	To address the declining Child Sex Ratio issue
10.	Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme	To transfer subsidy amount directly into beneficiary accounts
11.	Swachh Bharat Mission	To make India 100% open defecation free by 2019
12.	HRIDAY Yojana	To promote inclusive & sustainable development of heritage sites
13.	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana	A revamped agriculture insurance scheme
14.	Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana	To realize the ideal of Gram Swaraj ; a village development scheme under MPLADs
15.	Mission Indradhanush for Immunization	To achieve full immunization coverage against 7 life threatening diseases for all children by 2020
16.	Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission	To develop smart village on the line of smart cities
17.	Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana	To provide LPG connections to 5 crore BPL families
18.	Stand Up India, Start Up India	To promote bank financing to SC, ST & Women for start-ups
19.	Nai Manzil Scheme	To address educational & livelihood needs of minorities