

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 140**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2017

**STATUS OF PMRDF SCHEME**

**140. SHRI KESINENI NANI:**

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

- (a) the present status of the PMRDFS;
- (b) the time of induction of the last batch of Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellows Scheme (PMRDFS);
- (c) whether any fellows were inducted during the last two years and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to continue the scheme or abandon it?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b): The Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellowship Scheme (PMRDFS) is a short term work opportunity for young professionals to serve and learn in backward areas across the country. The last batch of PMRD Fellows was inducted in the year 2014. 100 fellows are presently engaged in 18 states.
- (c): No new fellow was inducted during the last two years.
- (d): No such proposal is under consideration.

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