

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2182
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2018

PRIME MINISTER'S RURAL DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

2182. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is implementing Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellowship Scheme (PMRDFS) 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 said scheme and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the corrective steps taken to improve the working of the said scheme; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to continue with the said scheme to cover all districts of the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(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 1 and 160 fellows in batch 2. Both the batches have completed the Fellowship.

(b) to (d): A review team reviewed the scheme. Some modifications in the scheme are under consideration.
