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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2018

RURAL ECONOMIC CRISIS

2184. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

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

- (a) whether the country is facing a rural economic crisis presently and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons behind such a deep crisis;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to treat rural development programmes as critical part of national economic revival and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the current situation is expected to badly hit rural spending which will in turn bring down the national consumption levels and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any revival packages; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): All the flagship programmes of Department of Rural Development pertaining to employment generation, housing, rural roads and rural livelihoods are showing visible impact on ground in terms of physical and financial targets set for these programmes. The recent studies conducted to assess the implementation of some of the key programmes of the Department have found positive socio-economic impacts in rural areas. The evaluation reports/studies can be accessed at <http://rural.nic.in/documents/institute-rural-management-anand-irma>.

Keeping in view the strategic role of Rural Development programmes in changing the socio-economic landscape of the rural areas, Budget allocations for the key programmes of the Department of Rural Development has been increased significantly. The Budget allocation to Department of Rural Development has increased from Rs.52,000 crore in 2012-13 to Rs. 1,09,042 crore in 2017-18. For realization of enhanced value from its spending in the rural areas, the Government has put in place vibrant governance framework which, inter-alia, includes use of information technology, Direct Benefit Transfer, space technology and use of Socio Economic Census data for identification of beneficiaries. Space technology is being used for geo tagging of the community/individual assets created under rural development programmes.
