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TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2018

NON-FARMING ACTIVITIES IN RURAL AREAS

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

- (a) whether non-farming activities undertaken through Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are major drivers of rural income in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a slowdown in construction activities in rural areas is bound to increase the pain/problem of rural people in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to boost non-farming activities in rural areas of the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Rural Development, inter alia, is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyay – Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life of the people in rural areas through employment generation, strengthening of livelihood opportunities, promoting self-employment, skilling of rural youths, provision of social assistance and other basic amenities. Implementation of rural development programmes targeted towards rural poor has contributed towards the improvement of the well-being of the rural people. This has been observed in many ways through increased access of the rural poor to health, education and other economic services with improved rural road connectivity. The implementation of these schemes has led to diversification of rural livelihoods towards non-farm activities and strengthening of livelihood opportunities. Reorientation of MGNREGA towards creation of sustainable community assets, water conservation, agriculture and allied activities has contributed to overall enhancement in rural economy's productivity. Various independent studies have also corroborated these impacts.
