

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 296
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018

INTERNAL AUDIT WING FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

296. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop and set up an internal audit wing to timely check the verification of the financial system from time to time for various rural development schemes under his Ministry for their effective implementation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to carry out the internal audit for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin [PMAY(G)] ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The Department of Rural Development has constituted an Expert Advisory Group (EAG) for recommending measures on improvement and strengthening of internal audit system in June, 2017. The EAG submitted its report in March, 2018. To develop and set up an internal audit wing EAG has recommended to set up a separate office of internal audit headed by Chief Controller of Accounts with required financial and human resources. The EAG has also recommended to establish a Centre for Internal Audit for Rural Development (CIARD) to assist the states in Internal Audit, to create capacities and to develop synergy in internal control mechanisms. To create capacity at the central and state level, a certificate course has been approved and conducted by NIRD&PR, Hyderabad. It aims to create a pool of certified internal auditors for conducting Risk based internal audit of schemes of Department of Rural Development. Further, a Standing Committee of Experts has been constituted for taking forward the work of capacity building and sensitization about internal audit in the States.

(c) & (d): Yes Madam. A few risk based internal audits of schemes conducted with the help of available resources. In last three years number of internal audits conducted in MGNREGS and PMAY (G) are as follows-

Scheme	Number of Internal audits conducted		
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
MGNREGS	8	12	34
PMAY (G)	5	8	12