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ANSWERED ON 19/07/2022

PRIME MINISTER RURAL DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

323. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister Rural Development Fellowship Scheme (PMRDFS) is functional and if so, the details thereof with regard to Maharashtra, districtwise;
- (b) the details of districts in Maharashtra in which the scheme is currently being implemented;
- (c) whether under salient features of PMRDFS, the “Fellow” is required to serve at the district level for two years and if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (d) the details regarding the batches completed under this scheme and the future plans thereunder; and
- (e) the details regarding the criteria for qualification to be a part of this scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) to (e) Ministry of Rural Development anchored the Prime Minister’s Rural Development Fellows (PMRDF) scheme in 2011 to place qualified young persons to assist the District Administration in remote and backward areas across the country for improving delivery of poverty alleviation programmes. Under PMRDF scheme, 156 and 160 fellows were selected in the year 2012 and 2014 respectively, whose fellowship was completed in 2016 and 2017 respectively. After this, no batch has been selected.

The Government in July, 2021 decided to close Prime Minister Rural Development Fellowship Scheme (PMRDF) due to lack of progress in building a consensus on the continuance or revamping of the Scheme of the PMRDF and closure of the operating agency Council of Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART).
