

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2868  
ANSWERED ON 18/03/2025**

**NIRDPR EMPLOYEES**

**2868. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether, according to the recommendations of the Committee of Department of Expenditure on Autonomous Bodies, the Government has decided to move a proposal to disengage the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) in the States including Rajendranagar, under Chevella Parliamentary Constituency, State-wise;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that in the Notes on Demands for Grants 2025-26, the budget allocated for NIRDPR has been marked as NIL;**
- (c) if so, the details of measures taken by the Government for the future of 225 regular employees, 303 retired employees and other categories, including outsourcing staff, contract employees, and Self-Help Groups dependent on NIRDPR; and**
- (d) whether the Government has any alternative plan to safeguard the interests of these employees and ensure the continuity of the institute's activities?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)**

**(a) to (d): Department of Expenditure (DoE) has recommended for the gradual disengagement of National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad (Telangana) in terms of financial support and administrative control to make it financially independent for exploring self-sustaining revenue streams to covert into a Center of Excellence. A token amount of Rs 1 lakh has been allocated in the Demands for Grants 2025-26 for NIRD&PR. As per**

**recommendations of DoE, Central Government may access its services as a client. Government may give grants based on the functions of the body till it is converted into deemed, autonomous Institute. Disengagement by the Government is recommended with a three years timeline and a gradual budget reduction of 25% each year. Accordingly, the proposal of disengagement is being examined by the Department.**

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