

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

**LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 18/03/2025**

NEW SCHEMES FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

2923. SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which the Government proposes to meet the specific needs of the rural areas of various States/UTs through the schemes;**
- (b) whether there are any plans to launch new schemes for rural development;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether there has been any discussion on revising the funds allocated to States/UTs for rural development programmes and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Rural Development(MoRD) has adopted multi-pronged strategies to improve the economic well-being of people in rural areas with the main focus on increasing livelihood opportunities, empowering rural women, providing social safety net skilling of rural youth, infrastructure development etc. through its Programmes in rural areas of the country. In this regard, the Government is implementing a number of targeted programmes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Rural Self Employment Training Institutes(RSETIs) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and Watershed Development Component (WDC) of the Pradhan

MantriKrishiSinchayeeYojana(PMKSy). At present, there is no plan to introduce new schemes for rural development in the country. However, in the budget for the Financial Year (FY) 2025–26, the Government has announced launch of a comprehensive multi-sectoral ‘Rural Prosperity and Resilience’ programme. The programme aims to address underemployment in agriculture through skilling, investment, technology and invigorating the rural economy. The focus of the programme will be on rural women, young farmers, rural youth, marginal and small farmers and landless families with goal to generate ample opportunities in rural areas.

(d): Allocation of funds to the States/UTs is a continuous process. Funds are allocated/released to State Governments taking into account the balance of funds available with the States, submission of requisite documents / utilization certificate as per schematic requirements, ensuring proper utilization of funds already allocated under the schemes and ensuring strict adherence of the schematic guidelines and assessing the actual requirement at the ground level.
