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**LOK SABHA
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BASIC FACILITIES FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken towards facilitating basic education, skill training and health since these are the key components of rural development during the last ten years;**
- (b) whether the density of beneficiaries to basic education, skill training and health has been reduced; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): For facilitating basic education in the country including rural areas, Ministry of Education, the Government of India is implementing SamagraShiksha - an integrated Scheme for school education from 2018-19, an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education across the country including rural areas. SamagraShiksha focuses on improvement in quality of education by providing support for different interventions like in-service training of teachers and school heads, conduct of achievement surveys at state and national level, composite school grant to every school for providing a conducive learning environment, grants for library, sports and physical activities, support for ICT and digital initiatives, school leadership development programme, remedial teaching for academically weaker students, etc. The ICT and Digital Initiatives component

under SamagraShiksha has been introduced to transform the process of teaching and learning from the traditional instructional teacher-centredendeavour to a learner-centred approach.

For skilling rural youth, Ministry of Rural Development is implementing two programmes viz., DeenDayalUpadhyayaGrameenKaushalyaYojana (DDU-GKY) and Rural Self Employment Training Institutes(RSETI). Further, under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres / institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan MantriKaushalVikasYojana (PMKVY), Jan SikhshanSansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society across the country including rural areas. The brief of these schemes is as under:

For ensuring health services in rural areas, as informed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW), under National Health Mission (NHM), steps have been taken towards universal health coverage by supporting the State Government in providing improved health infrastructure, adequate human resources in health facilities, improved availability and accessibility to quality health care especially for the underserved and marginalized groups in rural areas.

The MoH&FW provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare system, based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) under NHM. Government of India provides approval for the proposals in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms & available resources.

Under National Health Mission, through AyushmanArogyaMandir, comprehensive primary healthcare is provided by strengthening Sub Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs).

The MoH&FW supports 'Free Diagnostics Service Initiative' programme under NHM with the aim to provide accessible and affordable pathological and radiological diagnostics services closer to the community, which in turn reduces the Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE). Diagnostics services are provided free of cost at all levels of public health facilities. To ensure availability of essential drugs and reduce the OOPE of the patients visiting the public health facilities, Government has rolled out the Free Drugs Service Initiative under NHM.

The basic objectives of these schemes/programmes/initiatives are to provide access to basic education, skilling and health facilities to all eligible people of the country.
