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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
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DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AREAS

4069. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)   the details of the plans of the Government for overall development of rural areas; and

(b)   the steps taken by the Government to resolve the poverty free villages for poverty free India?

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

(a) & (b):   Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) is implementing a number of welfare schemes/programmes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pradhan MantriAwaasYojana-Gramin (PMAYG), Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY), DeendayalAntyodayaYojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), DeenDayalUpadhyayaGrameenKaushalyaYojana (DDUGKY), Rural Self Employment Training Institutes(RSETIs) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and Watershed Development Component (WDC) of the Pradhan MantriKrishiSinchayeeYojana (WDC-PMKSY) for overall development of rural areas of the country. These schemes/programmes aim to alleviate poverty and to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life of the people in rural areas of the country by strengthening livelihood opportunities, providing minimum guaranteed employment, promoting self-employment, skilling of youths in various useful trades and entrepreneurship qualities, infrastructure development and provision of social assistance.

Further, in the budget for the Financial Year (FY) 2025–26, the Government has announced the launch of a comprehensive multisectoral 'Rural Prosperity and Resilience' programme. The programme aims to address underemployment in agriculture through skilling, investment, technology and invigorating the rural economy. The focus 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.

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