

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1156
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.03.2016

DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD AREAS

1156. SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that thousands of villages have been deserted/uninhabited in hilly/border areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise including Uttarakhand;
- (c) the details of total number of uninhabited/deserted villages as on 31 December 2015, State/UT-wise including Uttarakhand;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to make these areas conducive for living;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to prepare any action plan to provide employment and other basic amenities to youth in said areas; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise including Uttarakhand?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)**

(a) to (c): Based on the information received from Registrar General of India (RGI) the census 2011, data reveals that there were 43324 uninhabited villages in the country. The State/UT wise number of uninhabited villages including Uttarakhand is at **Annexure-I**. The Government of Uttarakhand informed that seasonal climatic migration occur every year in some of the villagessituated in the snow bound border area of the state in the months of October-November and people return to their villages in the month of April.

(d) to (f): The Government of India is implementing the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) through the State Governments. BADP is a part of comprehensive approach to the Border Management to meet the special development needsof the people living in the remote and inaccessible border areas and to saturate the border areas with essential infrastructure through convergence with other Central/State/Local schemes and through participatory approach. The programme is supplemental in nature to fill the gap as 100% centrally sponsored scheme and is being implemented in 319 border blocks (approx.) of 106 border districts of 17states including Uttarakhand. The developmental activities taken up by State Government under BADP are in various sectors namely (i) Road connectivity, (ii) Water supply, (iii) Education, (iv) Sports Activities, (v) Social infrastructure, (vi) Health, (vii) Agriculture and allied sectors, (ix) Skill development, etc. The funds released under BADP during the last three years and the current year to the 17 BADP states at **Annexure-II**.

Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply to parts(a to c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1156 for answer on 03.03.2016.

State wise number of uninhabited Villages-Census-2011		
State Code	State/UT	Number of Uninhabited Villages
0	India	43324
01	Jammu & Kashmir	216
02	Himachal Pradesh	2808
03	Punjab	413
04	Chandigarh	0
05	Uttarakhand	1048
06	Haryana	199
07	Delhi	9
08	Rajasthan	1408
09	Uttar Pradesh	8960
10	Bihar	5801
11	Sikkim	26
12	Arunachal Pradesh	331
13	Nagaland	28
14	Manipur	67
15	Mizoram	126
16	Tripura	12
17	Meghalaya	380
18	Assam	1023
19	West Bengal	2734
20	Jharkhand	2902
21	Odisha	3636
22	Chhattisgarh	559
23	Madhya Pradesh	2974
24	Gujarat	382
25	Daman & Diu	0
26	Darda & Nagar Haveli	0
27	Maharashtra	2706
28	Andhra Pradesh	1514
29	Karnataka	1943
30	Goa	14
31	Lakshadweep	15
32	Kerala	1
33	Tamil Nadu	930
34	Puducherry	0
35	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	159

Annexure-II

Statement referred to in reply to part (d to f) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1156 for answer on 03.03.2016.

Rs. In lakh

States	2012-13	2013-15	2014-16	2015-17
	Release	Release	Release	Release
Arunachal Pradesh	12451.35	6594.05	9249.37	7790.88
Assam	1032.74	0.00	2104.79	2558.37
Bihar	6664.00	6084.00	3129.86	3618.20
Gujarat	4505.00	4505.00	4505.00	3069.44
Himachal Pradesh	2320.00	2100.00	2100.00	2100.00
Jammu & Kashmir	13394.00	15800.00	11520.00	11932.00
Manipur	1929.48	2200.00	2200.00	2200.00
Meghalaya	2989.25	2897.00	2100.00	2100.00
Mizoram	4017.00	5446.94	3534.16	3767.00
Nagaland	2000.00	3000.00	2000.00	2000.00
Punjab	4069.88	3217.76	3715.51	3807.25
Rajasthan	13973.00	13773.00	10140.15	13624.00
Sikkim	2000.00	2400.00	2000.00	2000.00
Tripura	4825.00	4825.00	3798.22	5056.79
Uttar Pradesh	4982.00	5293.59	4982.00	4209.00
Uttarakhand	3365.00	4651.16	3181.93	3244.57
West Bengal	14482.30	16212.50	9739.01	15880.57
Total	99000.00	99000.00	80000.00	88958.07