

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2266
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2016

CONFERENCE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

2266. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

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

- (a) Whether the United Nations Conference in Rome recently recognized that rural development plays a fundamental role in stabilizing communities and reducing migration and conflict;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether India has participated in the aforesaid conference, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it was decided in the aforesaid conference to invest and focus-on-rural-development;
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereon; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to focus- on- rural- development to reduce migration and conflict?

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

(a): No sir, no United Nations Conference has been held in Rome recently recognising that rural development plays a fundamental role in stabilizing communities and reducing migration and conflict.

However, on February 17 & 18 International Fund for Agricultural Development had its 39th General Council meeting in which a panel discussion was held on Innovative Investments for Rural Transformation. The Panellists (1) Elizabeth Ssendiwala, IFAD Gender and Youth Technical Specialist, East and Southern Africa Division; (2) Ronald Thomas Hartman, IFAD Country Director for Indonesia, Asia and the Pacific Division; (3) Glayson Ferrari dos Santos, IFAD Country Programme Manager for El Salvador, Latin America and the Caribbean Division and (4) Jacopo Monzini, IFAD Environment and Climate Change Senior Technical Specialist, Near East, North Africa and Europe Division with P erin Saint-Ange, Associate Vice-President, PMD as moderator discussed how the Fund's work around the world is pushing forward innovative investments in new farming technologies, new approaches to empower women and youth, and the use of new technology to enhance rural development project design and management. All these initiatives promote a sustainable, inclusive rural transformation, which can improve the lives of millions of smallholder farmers and help eliminate hunger. The panel

discussion was focussing on innovative financing for rural development. No resolution was passed in this regard.

India was represented at the 39th session of the Governing Council of IFAD by a delegation led by its Governor to the Fund, Mr. Dinesh Sharma, Additional Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. The panel discussion was focussing on innovative financing for rural development. No resolution was passed in this regard.

(b) to (f): Does not arise.
