GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1883 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.05.2016

MASTER-PLAN FOR RURAL AREAS

1883. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to prepare a master-plan for overall development of the rural areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said master plan is likely to be prepared?

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Rural Development, inter alia, is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Deendayal Antodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) for overall improvement of rural areas. MGNREGA is a demand driven programme. DAY-NRLM aims to ensure that at least one woman member from each rural poor household (about 9 crore) is brought under Self Help Group in a phased manner by the year 2024-25. Each household mobilized into DAY-NRLM fold will be supported for 7-8 years. For accelerated execution of PMGSY in the States, the Ministry of Rural Development in consultation with the Ministry of Finance has formulated an Action Plan, to complete the connectivity mandate of the balance eligible habitations by way of all weather roads under PMGSY-I by March, 2019, well before the earlier target year of 2022, with enhanced financial allocation to the States and modified funding pattern. The Ministry has requested all the States to submit new proposals as per the programme guidelines for consideration and sanction under PMGSY. Under PMAY-G targets have been fixed to construct 1 crore houses in the rural areas over the next three year period i.e. 2016-17 to 2018-19. The rural development programmes are implemented as per plan according to programme guidelines.
