

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 776
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.04.2016

PRIME MINISTER RURAL DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

776. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

- (a) whether the Prime Minister recently met the present and past batches of PM's Rural Development Fellows, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the meeting was in relation to the Fellowship programme being carried on further and was considered important by the Government before recruiting the next batch of Fellows, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the agenda for the meeting and its outcome;
- (d) whether the meeting was considered successful, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the meeting was attended by all the former and present Fellows recruited; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a): Prime Minister held an interactive meeting with 103 PMRD Fellows of first batch and 127 Fellows of second batch on 8th February 2016 in New Delhi.
- (b): No, Madam. The meeting was not related to recruitment of new batch of Fellows.
- (c): The agenda of the meeting included interaction with Fellows, release of a Photo Documentation Book on experiences of select fellows Prime Minister, and sharing of experiences by 11 fellows before the Prime Minister. The meeting happened successfully.
- (d): Yes, Madam. Prime Minister released a photo-documentation book and Fellows shared their work and experiences.
- (e) & (f): No, Madam. A total of 230 fellows from first and second batch attended the meeting. 30 Fellows from first batch and 6 fellows from second batch did not participate.
