

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 858
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.04.2016

WOMEN RURAL COORDINATORS

858. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has appointed/proposes to appoint rural women coordinators to ensure socioeconomic development of women in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise including Chhattisgarh;
- (c) whether such projects are likely to be launched from tribal and remote forest areas, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be launched throughout the country including State of Chhattisgarh?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Rural Development has not appointed any women rural coordinators. Further, at present there is no such proposal under consideration. This Ministry is implementing Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) with a mandate to focus on poor rural households to ensure their socio-economic development in rural areas. 10-20 poor women from the rural households are organized to form self-help groups (SHGs), 10-20 SHGs are aggregated/ federated into village level organization (VLO), 25-40 VLOs are aggregated to form cluster level federation (CLF). DAY-NRLM has promoted 26.29 lakh SHGs covering about 3.05 crore poor households. These SHGs are aggregated to form 1.35 lakhs Village Organisation and 5485 Cluster Level Federations. Under DAY-NRLM, the State Rural Livelihoods Missions (SRLMs), which are implementing the programme in the states, are setting up Block Mission Management Units (BMMUs) that include area coordinators and cluster coordinators in select blocks to mobilize support to poor women. Women Activists are also identified in the villages (approximately 2 women activist per village) for facilitating the implementation of the programme. The programme is being presently implemented in a phased manner in all States and three Union Territories, and envisages universal coverage of rural poor households by 2024-25. A statement giving State-wise number of professionals working as Block Project Managers/Area-Coordinators/Cluster-Coordinators is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

Statement indicating professionals- (Block Project Manager/Area-Coordinator/Cluster-Coordinator) –at the block level

S.No	State	No. of Intensive Blocks	No. of Persons at block level
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Transited in FY 2016-17	
2	Andhra Pradesh	656	3672
3	Arunachal Pradesh	7	18
4	Assam	63	327
5	Bihar	534	4353
6	Chhattisgarh	29	183
7	Goa	2	NIL
8	Gujarat	85	215
9	Haryana	21	76
10	Himachal Pradesh	5	13
11	Jammu And Kashmir	21	8
12	Jharkhand	80	344
13	Karnataka	84	120
14	Kerala	152	954
15	Lakshadweep	Transited in FY 2016-17	
16	Madhya Pradesh	164	1402
17	Maharashtra	50	296
18	Manipur	4	20
19	Meghalaya	4	32
20	Mizoram	4	25
21	Nagaland	9	86
22	Odisha	88	392
23	Puducherry	4	16
24	Punjab	14	52
25	Rajasthan	101	257
26	Sikkim	3	3
27	Tamil Nadu	290	753
28	Telangana	442	2887
29	Tripura	6	63
30	Uttar Pradesh	78	59
31	Uttarakhand	15	50
32	West Bengal	43	80
Grand Total		3058	16756