

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:108
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CONDITION OF POOR IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that condition of the poor at the grassroot has been worsening; in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether frequent disruption in economic activities are hurting the poor, women and tribal in their attempt to earn their living; and
- (d) if so, the specific programmes prepared by the Government to uplift the condition of poor in the rural areas of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K.PATIL)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Question does not arise. However, the Ministry of Rural Development implements the major Rural Development Schemes viz. the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) and the Watershed Development Programme for improvement of the rural areas. These schemes focus on poverty alleviation, employment generation, area development and improvement of the quality of life of the rural poor.