

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a National Committee on Rural Infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the objectives thereof;
- (c) whether the said Committee has made any recommendations;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, a committee on Rural Infrastructure with the objective of improving Rural Infrastructure in a time bound manner through initiating policies, effecting internal prioritization, developing innovative financing arrangements and periodic review of progress.

(c) & (d): The committee has met three times so far and made the recommendations regarding augmentation of funds, prioritization of the programmes, web based information of each component, adoption of technology and innovative methods in the programme output, involvement of beneficiaries and using Remote Sensing Technique in assessment of physical achievements, specifically for irrigation sector.

(e): Concerned ministries are following the decisions and suggestions of the Rural Infrastructure Committee and accordingly programmes are being implemented.