

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified the difficulties faced in poverty alleviation during the last five year plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take any positive measures like subsuming of other schemes in single schemes like of NREGS for poverty alleviation ; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Rural Development through the State Governments/UT Administrations is implementing some major programmes namely, Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) for the poor households living in rural areas of the country. The implementation of these schemes is done in accordance with the respective programme guidelines.

(c) & (d) The implementation of various poverty alleviation programmes of the Ministry is monitored strictly for which a comprehensive multi tool monitoring mechanism has been put in placed. There has been a direct interaction with the State Governments and the district level officers involved in the implementation of these programmes. Thus a system of getting feed back continuously on the implementation of these programme both from the official and independent sources, such as research institutions and National Level Monitors is existing.

Restructuring of various programmes on the basis of experiences is continuous process. Decision of enhancing the units cost of an IAY house, taking up of the issue of flow of more credit to the rural poor etc. are the steps which have been taken. Presently, the Ministry of Rural Development does not propose to subsume any schemes in single scheme for poverty alleviation.