

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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URBAN AMINITIES TO RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the scheme 'Provision of Urban Amenities to Rural Areas' popularly known as 'Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA)';
- (b) the areas identified in India where Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA) is to be implemented; and (
- (c) the period set for implementation of this programme along with the funds allocated to each on of them?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The Ministry of Rural Development in consultation with Planning Commission has decided to initially launch a pilot phase for implementation of the scheme Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA). Under the pilot phase provision of 7 facilities namely power, road, transportation, health, education, water supply and marketing are envisaged to be provided in the selected clusters.
- (b) The pilot phase is being launched in the 7 States with one cluster in each State comprising of 10 - 15 villages. The States selected for pilot phase are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.
- (c) The pilot phase is likely to be completed in 2 to 3 years time period with an estimated cost of Rs.4 to 5 crore per cluster under PURA.