

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN HILLY REGIONS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any comprehensive scheme to simplify and improve the life of people living in hilly regions; and
- (b) if so, the details of villages covered thereunder and the number of people benefited therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a) & (b): No Sir. The Ministry of Rural Development does not have any comprehensive scheme to simplify and improve the life of people living in hilly regions. However, the Ministry implements a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes for employment generation, poverty alleviation and to create infrastructure and amenities in rural areas of the country including for the people living in hilly regions. The schemes of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) and Swarnjayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY) provide wage and self employment to generate additional income and poverty alleviation. Provision of houses under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families also contribute to improve the life of people living in rural hilly areas.