

for upgradation and the State specific entitlements have been communicated to all the States.

Performance of poverty alleviation schemes

1328. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to address the problem of poverty in the country which has the highest population of poor in the world;

(b) if so, the details of the targets set and achieved under the schemes for the purpose during last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the current ongoing schemes have failed to achieve the targets;

(d) whether Government has any plans to review the schemes launched for poverty alleviation in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Rural Development, through State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, is implementing major schemes, namely, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) for poverty alleviation by providing wage and self employment in rural areas of the country. MGNREGA aims at enhancing livelihood security of rural households by guaranteeing at least 100 days of wage employment in a year to the adult members of every rural household who is willing to do unskilled work. The NRLM aims at reducing poverty by enabling poor households to access gainful self-employment/skilled wage employment by ensuring appreciable improvement in their livelihoods on a sustainable basis. The Ministry does not set targets for poverty reduction under these schemes.

(d) and (e) The Schemes are reviewed as and when required.

Women participation under MGNREGA

1329. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the grievance redressal mechanism was not shouldering its responsibilities and that the absence of proper amenities continued to discourage women's