

Model villages in the country

1330. DR. PABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to create at least one model village in each district in the country in the line of Gujarat's dream village Punsari;
- (b) If so, whether Government has initiated any steps for comprehensive study of this model so that it can be replicated across the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) to (c) At present there is no proposal to create at least one model village in the Country. However, a team of officials from the Ministry of Rural Development have visited Punsari Gram Panchayat, Gujarat, to see the facilities and amenities in the model village. Further, the Union Budget 2014-15 has laid stress on delivering integrated project based infrastructure in rural areas through the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission.

Assets created under MGNREGA

1331. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to conduct detailed study about the assets created under MGNREGA, as despite huge money spent by Government, no actual development work has been generated and concrete assets created there under;
- (b) whether Government is going to study for inclusion of Khadi related work in MGNREGA; and
- (c) whether Government is going to issue any advisory to the State Governments in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development had engaged Institutions like Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Indian Institute of Management (IIMs), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) and other professional institutions to conduct studies and surveys on the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). Some major findings of such studies related to impact of MGNREGA works are: