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Subject : Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3595 to be answered on 26.04.2012 asked by Shri Adhalrao Patil Shivaji and others regarding ‘Self Help Groups’.

The undersigned is directed to reproduce below the text of the Question on the subject cited above with the request to furnish information to part (e) and (f) of the Question, urgently, for framing a suitable reply to the Question.

(a) whether the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) would connect at least one woman from every poor household across the country with Self Help Groups (SHGs) in five years;

(b) if so, whether SHG programmes are meant for rural Below Poverty Line (BPL) households;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to remove this restriction between the BPL and poor;

(d) the number of poor women who became the members of SHGs till date, State-wise;

(e) whether there is a need to create a regulatory space for micro finance institutions so that they can function efficiently without adversely impacting the functions of SHGs;

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
(g) whether there is any proposal to revise the operational guidelines for Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to give the flexibility to the States; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

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