GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1063
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.08.2012

Clusters for Self Help Groups

1063. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is developing clusters for Self Help Groups; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a)&(b): National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) advocates building of federations of Self Help Groups (SHGs) at different levels for sustaining collective action. Building and sustaining institutions of the poor at various levels would be for collective action, greater solidarity, bargaining power, economies of scale and larger linkages. Following the principles of subsidiarity, the federation at each level would have its own purpose, functionality and identity. These institutions would be independent, yet organically interdependent.

The States, however, would determine the levels and locations of federations in accordance with their local administrative set up i.e. village, gram panchayat, cluster, block etc., guided by the federating logic and best practices and experience.

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