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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Rajya Sabha Question No. –434 for answer on 09-12-2013 regarding Scheme for poverty alleviation in rural areas.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Monitoring Division note dated 05-12-2013 on the subject cited above and to furnish the following material on NRLM for framing a reply.

National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM)

National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), has been launched on 3rd June, 2011. The programme proposes to cover all rural poor families, in a phased manner. It aims at building strong and sustainable grass roots institutions of rural poor women and enabling them to access their own social networks, resources and knowledge for gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities and thereby achieve appreciable improvement in their livelihoods on a sustainable basis. Universal social mobilization through formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs) under NRLM and federating these groups at village and higher levels will ensure at least one member of each rural poor family, preferably a woman member, is covered under SHG and is part of a large social network. NRLM proposes to ensure universal financial inclusion for them by facilitating opening of savings accounts of all SHGs, simultaneously encouraging their thrift and credit activities and facilitating access to credit and other financial services from banks. There is a provision under the programme for training and capacity building of interested members to take up micro enterprises for enhancing their incomes. In
addition to self employment, NRLM also focuses on supporting rural poor youth for accessing skilled wage employment through placement linked skill development projects. NRLM is a demand driven programme and the States formulate their own poverty reduction action plans. So far all the States, except Goa, Manipur and Sikkim, have transited to NRLM.

NRLM is in initial stages as preparatory work is going on and ground implementation has just started. Any evaluation studies can only be done after the programme has achieved some scale and have been implemented for some period of time.

2. This issues with the approval of JS (RL).

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