## **Department of Rural Development**

## Brief on 100 Days Achievements

The Department of Rural Development has been given responsibilities forfour impactful interventions in the first 100 days. Work is progressing at full pace and these targets for the period (5th July to 15th October, 2019) will be achieved.

- Out of 10 lakh Natural Resource Management (NRM)/Water Conservation works under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the period, 7.23 lakh works have already been completed till 30th August 2019. The MGNREGS provides substantial support to the Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) in all the 5 priorities of Water Conservation, renovation of traditional water bodies, reuse and recharge structures, watershed development, and intensive afforestation. In the selected 1146 rural blocks, over 1,59,314 works out of a total of nearly 2.11 lakh Jal Shakti Abhiyan related works have already been completed till date and the rest too shall be completed as per target.
- With the focus on converting nano enterprises of women Self Help Groups (SHGs) into small and micro enterprises, excellent progress is being made in formalization of SHGs economic activity. Following is a brief summary of the achievements:

**59,120 Rs. 159.03 Cr.** Enterprises brought under Amount of loan provided Start-up Village Enterprise under SVEP from Community Programme (SVEP) Enterprise Fund (CEF)



- Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III (PMGSY-III) has been approved by the Government for upgrading 1.25 lakh km Through Routes and Major Rural Links connecting habitations to Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs), Schools, and Hospitals. The Guidelines have been circulated to all States and preparatory work for sanction of projects has already started.
- Efforts to promote skilling among MGNREGS workers are being attempted and a proposal has been prepared to allow unskilled MGNREGS workers' opportunities for moving up the skilling ladder. This will build on the success of the LIFE (Livelihoods in Full Employment) undertaken under MGNREGS in the last two years. It will try to address the challenge of compensating for wage loss during the period of skill development and allowing selfemployment and placement based wage employment after training. It will also encourage skill development in sectors related to farm and non-farm livelihoods in rural areas. Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) will also be involved in these initiatives actively. The policy note in this regard will also be ready in the first 100 days of the present Government.

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