

MONITORING

The Ministry of Rural Development places special emphasis on monitoring and evaluation of its programmes being implemented in rural areas all over the country. Effective monitoring of the programmes is considered very important for efficient delivery at the grass root level particularly in view of the substantial step up in the allocation of funds for rural development programmes since the Eighth Five Year Plan onwards. In order to ensure this, the Ministry has evolved a comprehensive multi-level and multi-tool system of Monitoring and Evaluation for the implementation of its programmes. Appropriate objectively verifiable performance indicators have been developed for each of the specific programme, both by the Ministry of Rural Development and the State Government for effective monitoring at the District, Block, Gram Panchayat and Village levels so that alarm signals can be captured well in advance for mid-course corrections.

The implementation of various Rural Development schemes especially the wage-employment, self-employment and rural infrastructure/amenities schemes to a great extent, has resulted in reduction of poverty in rural areas. The Government has instituted an in-built monitoring mechanism in the guidelines of each scheme so as to ensure that the objectives of the schemes are achieved by their implementation.