

Jairam aims at more results from programmes

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Rural Development Minister Jairam Ramesh wants results from the several programmes that have been launched, pumping in huge funds by the Centre to uplift life in the country's villages. Towards that effect, the Minister has convened a two-day meeting of state officials here from Thursday for their orientation to performance to show results from such programmes.

Effective implementation

of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana, Aajeevika for easy finances to self-help groups under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and Indira Awas Yojana is on the board for review at the meeting.

All three ministers of state will be interacting with the assembled officials on the first day while Jairam Ramesh plans to spend half a day with them on the second day to grasp their difficulties in imple-



mentation and give them his mind on showing results in terms of improved life in rural areas.

The Ministry sources said it is a meeting of the Performance Review Committee (PRC) with representatives from all states in the Vigyan Bhawan annexe here to make a reality test of how

the various rural programmes are doing.

On the agenda is also a review of the ongoing BPL (below poverty line) census as the government wants to chisel its various programmes, including the proposed food security, on the basis of the data of the poor that this survey will throw up.

The meeting will discuss financial and physical performance of the states with respect to the rural development programmes during 2011-12 and focus on shortcomings and inadequacies in implementation by individual states. The strategies will be drawn up to further improve their performance during the year, the sources said.