

## WINTER-19 EXAMINATION

## MODEL ANSWER

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# 22505

## Subject: Rural Development

1) The answers should be examined by key words and not as word-to-word as given in the model answer scheme.

2) The model answer and the answer written by candidate may vary but the examiner may try to assess the understanding level of the candidate.

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Que.	Sub	Model Answer	Marking	Total
No.	Que.	woder Answer	Scheme	Marks
1		Attempt any FIVE of the following:		10
	a)	State objectives of rural development		
	Ans.	<ul> <li>Objectives of rural development are: <ol> <li>To develop rural areas in respect of culture, economy, technology and public health</li> <li>To develop infrastructure facility like road, railway, bridge</li> <li>To develop job opportunities</li> <li>To develop rural business skills</li> <li>To upgrade standard of living of people in rural areas</li> <li>To develop educational institutions and to provide skills and knowledge to people of rural areas</li> <li>To provide clean water to villages, bring transportation and electricity to villages</li> <li>To provide financial assistance to artisans from rural areas</li> <li>To develop small scale industries</li> <li>To develop cottage industries and handicrafts</li> <li>To improve the participation of people from villages at national and international level</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Any 2 (1 mark each)	



b)	List any	four watershed management structures.		
Ans.	Watersh	ned management structures are:		
AII5.	i)	K. T. (Kolhapur Type) weir	Any 4	
	ii)	Gabian structure	-	
	iii)	Cement plug	½ marks	
	iv)	Contour bunding	each	
	v) vi)	Farm ponds Underground bandhara		
c)	,	e objectives of credit-cum-subsidy scheme of rural housing.		
Ans.		Rural Housing scheme to provide shelter to poor rural people who are		
A113.		low poverty line (BPL). It is part credit and part subsidy-based scheme. Its		
	objectiv		1 mark	
	i)	To facilitate construction of houses for rural families who have some	each	
	,	repayment capacity		
	ii)	To eradicate shelter lessness from rural areas of the country	(Any two)	
	iii)	To provide shelter to rural families who have not been covered under		
	,	Indira Awas Yojna (IAY) and desire to possess a house		
	iv)	All rural households having annual income of INR 32000 are covered		
	,	under this scheme.		
d)	List anv	four cottage industries.		
, Ans.	-	e industry is a small-scale decentralized manufacturing business operated		
	from ho	me and not in a big factory premise. They include:		
	i)	Brick manufacturing		
	ii)	Concrete hollow block manufacturing		
	iii)	Artificial sand manufacturing	Any 4	
	iv)	Stone crushing plant	-	
		an also be given if the student mentions the following industries not	½ marks	
		to civil engineering	each	
	i)	Handicrafts		
	ii)	Dried fruits		
	iii)	Dried fishes		
	iv)	Decorative home furnishings		
	v)	Papad, pickles etc		
e)	State th	e government policies pertaining to rural development.		
Ans.	The Cen	tral and State Government schemes include:	Any 2	
	i)	Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellow Scheme	-	
	ii)	National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005	1 mark	
	iii)	Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojna (SGSY)	each	
	iv)	Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojna Deendoval Unadhvav Gramoon Kavshalva Vojna		
	v)	Deendayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushalya Yojna		1



	f) Ans.	State the economic significance of rural development. To improve a nation, the economy has to be developed and development of rural areas is among the socio-economic targets of all countries. India is predominantly a rural country with two thirds population and 70% of work force living in rural areas Rural economy constitutes 46% of national income. Despite the rise in urbanization, more than half of India's population is projected to be rural by 2050. Thus, development of rural economy is key to overall growth and inclusive development of a country.	2 marks	
	g) Ans.	<ul> <li>State four advantages of Rain Water Harvesting.</li> <li>1) It increases ground water</li> <li>2) It reduces effect of drought</li> <li>3) It reduces soil erosion by reducing runoff</li> <li>4) It reduces floods</li> <li>5) It improves ground water quality</li> <li>6) No land is wasted for storage purpose and people need not be displaced</li> <li>7) It improves ground water table and saves energy to lift water.</li> </ul>	Any 4 ½ marks each	
2		Attempt any THREE of the following		12
	a) Ans.	Explain the organizational set-up of CAPARTExplain the organizational set-up of CAPARTCAPART is an autonomous body under Ministry of Rural Development, establishedin 1986, to promote voluntary action towards implementation of projects forenhancement of rural prosperity and to act as a catalyst for development oftechnologies appropriate for rural areas.The important members of the Executive Committee of CAPART are as follows:i)Chairman - Minister of Rural Development.ii)Members:a.Minister of Rural Development.b.Secretary, Department of Science and Technologyc.Secretary and Nominee, Planning Commissiond.Secretary and Financial Advisor, Ministry of Rural DevelopmentDevelopmentf.Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Developmentg.Director General, CAPART	1 3	4
	b) Ans.	<ul> <li>Illustrate Gabian structure with a neat sketch.</li> <li>i) A gabian wall is a retaining wall made of stacked stone-filled gabians tied together with wire. Gabion walls are usually battered (angled back towards the slope), or stepped back with the slope, rather than stacked vertically.</li> <li>ii) A gabian is a cage, cylinder or box filled with rocks, concrete, or sometimes sand and soil for use in civil engineering watershed development.</li> </ul>	2 mark for description	4







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	d)	Draw c/s of a rural road and suggest dimensions of various components		
	Ans.	Roadway (7.5m)	2 mark for correct sketch	
		(f) Cross-section of an Other District Road or Village Road in Embankment in Rural Area	and 2 marks for proper labelling with dimensions	
3		Note: Sketch may be drawn with dimensions or suggest separately		12
3		Attempt any THREE of the following:		12
	a)	State key features of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna.		
		Key features of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna are:		
	Ans.	<ul> <li>i) Decentralized planning – Each district has been given powers under District Rural Road Plan (DRRP) to provide single connectivity to each target habitation.</li> <li>ii) Standards and specifications – A manual on geometric standards, design, construction and maintenance of rural roads has been</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>published by IRC</li> <li>iii) Detailed project reports and scrutiny – To ensure quality output for each road, proper survey and adequate investigations are stipulated</li> <li>iv) Institutional arrangements – Ministry of Rural Development is the nodal ministry for the implementation of program at national level. National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) and State Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA) are formed for programme implementation at national and state level respectively.</li> <li>v) Procurement process – All works under the programme are procure and managed on the basis of Standard Bidding Document (SBD) and the entire bidding of procurement works is carried out by e-procurement.</li> <li>vi) Quality Assurance – A 3-tier quality management mechanism has been institutionalized</li> <li>vii) Maintenance – Each contract provides for defect liability of 5 years along with paid maintenance after completion of work.</li> </ul>	1 mark each (Any four)	



	<ul> <li>viii) Online monitoring, management and accounting system – A web based online monitoring, management and accounting system (OMMAS) has been developed</li> <li>ix) Operations manual and program monitoring – All operations under</li> </ul>		
	this programme have been systematically laid down in the operations manual published in 2005		
b) Ans.	Explain working of Gobar Gas plant with a neat sketch. It is a type of composting plant. In this plant gobar gas is produced from solid		
	waste which is biodegradable in nature. A mixture of gases is produced by		
	breakdown of organic matter in the absence of oxygen.		
	A Gobar gas plant has three component parts – Inlet chamber, digester and	2 marks for	
	outlet chamber. Raw materials include agricultural waste, manure, municipal	working	
	waste, cow dung, sewage, food waste etc. These raw materials, along with water,		
	enter the digester through the inlet chamber. Here anaerobic digestion of all the		
	organic matter takes place and gobar gas is formed.		
	Gobar gas is primarily Methane and Carbon Dioxide. It is used as a fuel and the		
	digested sludge is used as fertilizer for crops		
	Ground level Ground level A C inlet pipe Digester Digeste	2 marks for sketch	
c) Ans.	<b>Explain Integrated Rural Energy Programme.</b> It is a subsidy based scheme to benefit rural people in selected villages and promotes an optimum mix of both conventional and non-conventional energy sources. It was introduced in Planning Commission during the 7 <sup>th</sup> plan. It is implemented on cost sharing basis of 50:50 between the centre and states.	1	



		The objectives of Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP) are:		
		<ul> <li>i) To provide for minimum domestic energy required for cooking, heating and lighting purpose.</li> <li>ii) To provide most cost-effective mix of various energy sources.</li> <li>iii) To ensure participation of people in planning and implementation of IREP plans</li> </ul>	3 M	
	d) Ans.	Explain the Importance of national project on Biogas development. The National Project on Biogas Development (NPBD) of the ministry of Non-		
	AIIS.	Conventional Energy Sources was started in 1982 for the promotion of family type		
		biogas plants to provide clean alternate fuel to rural masses and enriched organic		
		manure for agriculture. The objective of the project is to reduce the use of non-		
		renewable fuels.	4	
		These biogas plants are used in addition to chemical fertilizers in agricultural		
		fields, improve sanitation and hygiene by linking toilets with biogas plants. Thus, it		
		benefits the weaker sections of the society by solving the disposal problems of		
		cattle waste. At the same time linking toilets with biogas plants recycles the human		
		waste and improves sanitation.		
		The NPBD has the potential for generating socio-economic benefits in the		
		form of reduction in the use of non-renewable energy for cooking/lighting, supply of enriched biomass for agriculture increased employment opportunities. It		
		improves quality of life for rural households.		
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4		Attempt any THREE of the following		12
	a)	a) Enlist the two advantages of following:		
	Ans.	i) Sericulture:		
		1) High Employment Potential	1 M each	
		2) Provides Vibrancy to Rural Economy	for any 2	
		3) Low investments, High Returns		
		4) Women-friendly Occupation		
		5) Ideal Programme for the Weaker Section of the Society		
		6) Eco-Friendly Properties		
		7) Scope for Professional Training		
		ii)Fishery:		
		1) Creation of Employment in coastal regions.		
		<ol> <li>Source of Proteins in terms of health needs.</li> <li>High Viold</li> </ol>	1 M each for any 2	
		<ol> <li>High Yield.</li> <li>Encouragement in allied industries concerned with culturing processing.</li> </ol>	ioi ally z	
		<ol> <li>Encouragement in allied industries concerned with, culturing, processing, preserving, storing, transporting, marketing or selling fish or fish products.</li> </ol>		
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b) Ans.	India Explain the various sources of funds for rural development. 1) A large amount of money is required for rural development. 2) Rural development includes the funds required for agricultural development, infrastructure development, (road, electricity, markets, storage, warehouse, education, training etc.) 3) Funds for investments in rural development projects comes from two main sources: (i) Domestic, (ii) Foreign. 4) Domestic institutional is a major contribution of funds for development of rural areas.  Sources of Funds for Rural Development. Domestic Sources Institutional Sources Non-institution sources	4	
c) Ans.	<ul> <li>World Bank RBI IMF Government NABARD Co-operative Bank</li> <li>Explain the criteria of site selection for following cottage industry. <ol> <li>Bricks Manufacturing:</li> <li>The ground should be plain surface.</li> <li>The site of brick manufacturing should be connected with road for transportation of materials.</li> <li>Good brick earth should be available near the brick manufacturing industry.</li> <li>The site should be for basic facilities of drinking water, sanitary blocks to labours working in this industry.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	½ M each For any 4 points	



	6)	Brick manufacturing unit should be near to the city area where the bricks can be sold and supplied to building sites.	½ M each For any 4 points	
	ii)	Artificial Sand Manufacturing		
	1)	It should not produce dust and should not harm to environment.		
	2)	Its manufacturing unit should be installed in non-residential zone.		
	3)	It should be in the area where raw material is available naturally.		
	4)	It should be well connected by road to supply sand to the site for		
		construction of buildings, roads, dams, bridges etc.		
	5)	It should have sufficient space for movement of trucks, weighing of trucks		
		and parking of trucks.		
	6)	It should have sufficient space for installation of crushing plant.		
	7)	It should have arrangement of electricity to operate crushers.		
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d)		be the procedure mentioned in Prime Minister Rural Development Fellow ne for the rural area.		
Ans.		Ministers Rural Development Fellows Scheme (PMRDFs):		
	Proce	dure:		
	1)	The PMRD fellows are selected through a pan-India process through All		
		India Common Entrance Test, followed by a written exam and personal		
		interviews.		
	2)	During the two years of fellowship, PMRD fellows work closely with the	1 M	
		District Collector of the Integrated Action Plan (IAP) districts in improving	each for	
		programme delivery and interface with the marginalized sections of the	any 4 points	
		populations with the aim of reducing developmental and governance		
		deficits.		
	3)	After the successful completion of the two-year fellowship, a PMRD		
		fellow is required to spend one year in public service as a paid full-time		
		employee of the State Rural Livelihood Mission in the state to which		
		he/she is assigned.		



	a)	<ul> <li>Illustrate the procedure of Ground water recharge pit with neat sketch.</li> <li>Procedure: <ol> <li>It is adopted for buildings having roof area up to 100 sq m. recharge pit of any shape is constructed generally 1 – 2 m wide and 2 – 3 m deep.</li> <li>The pit is filled with boulders, gravel and sand for filtration of rain water.</li> <li>Water entering in to rain water harvesting structure should be silt free.</li> <li>Top layer of sand of filter should be cleaned periodically for better ingression of rain water in to sub-soil.</li> </ol> </li> <li>This method is suitable where permeable strata is available at shallow depth</li> </ul>	1 M each for any 4 points	
5		Attempt any TWO of the following:		12
	e)	<ul> <li>State the necessity of planning for the development of rural area.</li> <li>Planning of rural development is necessary to fulfill the following activities in village area.</li> <li>I. For agriculture and development.</li> <li>2. For irrigation of fields and crops.</li> <li>3. For forestry.</li> <li>4. For environmental protection.</li> <li>s. For housing and urban development.</li> <li>6. For rural roads and construction.</li> <li>7. For banking and capital market development.</li> <li>8. For colleges and schools for education development.</li> <li>9. Market for sale of goods produced in villages.</li> </ul>	1 M each for any 4 points	
		<ul> <li>4) The first batch had 140 fellows who were placed across 83 districts in nine states. In 2014, the fellowship was expanded to included seven more states covering N-E region as well as J &amp; K.</li> <li>5) As the knowledge partner of MoRD, TISS (Tata Institute of Social Sciences) provides holistic support to fellows to acquire knowledge, professional skills and capabilities required to engage in transformative development work with the people, the state and non-state institutions.</li> <li>6) In order to support the fellows at the districts with their academic work, the Institute has set up PMRDF support cell in Delhi, Raipur, Hyderabad, Guwahati and Mumbai.</li> </ul>		



	Roof top         100 mm diameter pipe       100 mm diameter pipe         G.L.       Overflow         G.L.       Overflow         Gravel (5-10 mm) 0.4 to 0.6 m       Top soil         Boulders (5-20 cm) 0.8 to 1.2 m       Top soil         Image: transform of the provious strata       Water table	2 M for sketch	
b)	Illustrate the "Contour bund" and "Farm pond" with neat sketch.		
Ans.	Contour Bund:		
	1) Contour bunds are effective methods to conserve soil moisture in		
	watershed for long duration. 2) Contour bunds are suitable in low rainfall areas where monsoon run-off		
	can be impounded by		
	3) constructing bunds on the sloping ground all along the contours of	½ M each for	
	equal elevation. 4) Flowing water is intercepted before attains the erosive velocity by	any 4 points	
	keeping suitable spacing between the bunds.		
	<ol><li>Spacing between two contour bunds depends on the slope, the area and permeability of the soil.</li></ol>		
	6) If permeability of the soil is less, then spacing of bunds is kept less.		
	7) Contour bunding is suitable on lands with moderate slopes without		
	involving terracing.		
	Diversion ditch Lateral		
	bund		
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	Contour Wakak Wakak W WW	1 M for	
	bunds YYY YY	sketch	
	Earth tie		
	Fig: Contour Bund		



	Farm Pond-		
	<ol> <li>A farm pond is a large hole dug out in the earth. It is square or rectangular in shape.</li> </ol>		
	2) It harvests rain Inlet water and stores it for future use.		
	<ol> <li>It has an inlet to regulate the inflow and an outlet to discharge excess water.</li> </ol>		
	<ol> <li>The farm pond is surrounded by a small bund which prevents erosion, on the banks of the pond.</li> </ol>	½ M each for	
	5) Ideally, the farm pond should be dug in to the ground in a naturally low lying area.	any 4 points	
	6) Some of the soil that is removed for digging the pond can be used to construct an earthen berm around the pond. Trees can be planted on this earthen berm for stability.		
	7) Greater depth of the pond and less surface area will also reduce evaporative losses. However, depth of pond shall not be more than 5 m, else the cost of excavation will increase.		
	<ol> <li>A small settling at the inlet will help to remove silt and the whole pond can be cleaned more easily.</li> </ol>		
	9) The sides of pond should be sloped for stability.		
	Earthen & Stone bund on all four sides		
	Inlet Inlet Settling pit Fig: Farm Pond Explain the low-cost housing model for a rural area.	1 M for sketch	
c) Ans	Low cost housing model:		
1	<b>Purpose</b> : A cost effective, affordable and eco-friendly housing system including,		
	low cost house & sanitation system with implementation of biogas system which		
	will decrease air pollution and drainage problem.	2 M	
	A large section of Indian population lives in villages and is mainly engaged in		
	agriculture. They belong to weaker section of the society.		
	Phases in low cost housing model:		
	1) Material collection regarding low cost construction work.		
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2)	Suitability & availability of construction materials.		
3)	Survey regarding construction.	2 M	
4)	Planning regarding construction work.		
5)	Detail designing of house system, bio-gas sanitation system & drainage.		
6)	Detailed estimation of cost and quantity survey of material.		
Comm	encement of construction work		
Step I:	Construction of bio-gas digestion chamber.		
11:	Construction of house system and sanitation system.	2 M	
111:	Construction of drainage.		
IV	: Curing procedure.		
	OR		
Princip	les to be observed in low cost housing Models:		
-	Building on the basics: Provide safe and dependable shelter, optimize		
	access to food, transportations, schools, jobs, services etc.		
2)	Think holistically: Address all aspects of designs, programming,		
	operations and community as a package rather than as discrete elements.		
3)	Choose walkable sites: Maximize opportunities for low-stress walking,		
	biking and transit connections civic, educational, retail shops, prioritize	1 M	
	pedestrians, get people moving.	each for	
4)	Design places for people: Create durable, cost-effective, multi-functional	any 6 points	
	spaces for social activit' recreation neighbourhood gatherings and		
	courtyards, play areas, gardens, patios for interaction.		
5)	Connect with the landscape: Design for beauty, relaxation and		
	community life, preserve exist' trees/landscape wherever possible. Add		
	trees for air-quality, shade and seasonal connections. Choose low-		
	maintenance drought tolerant, non-toxic and non-allergic materials.		
6)	Build health homes: Maximize natural light, ventilation, air, use non-		
	toxic, safe materials, include views open space, prominent stairs, stoops		
_,	and casual seating at building edges.		
7)	Celebrate healthy food: Integrate community gardens, edible landscapes,		
	food markets, emphasize 10 seasonal and healthy food, include		
0)	programming for garden maintenance and healthy food events.		
8)	<b>Energize the community</b> : Ask the residents what they want, shape project to suit specific peeds, staff and property management visible and		
	to suit specific needs; staff and property management visible and accessible; get all ages involved.		
۵)	Leverage available resources: Work with agencies, utility providers, civic		
5)	groups e.g. transportation authority, master gardeners to maximize		
	community services and 'technical/financial support for healthy living		
	programmes, reach out to collaborate with local health organsiations and		
	advocates.		
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		10) Provide healthy living programmes: Start early to create and maintain		
		consistent structure for healthy living programmes i.e. exercise, food,		
		stress reduction, preventive healthcare. Provide apprenticeships		
		Note: Marks to be given for any of the above answer.		
		Attempt any TWO of the following:		12
	a)	Explain the main features of National Rural Development Guarantee Act, 2005.		
		Main Features of this Act are as follows:		
	Ans	1) Rights based framework for the adult members of a rural household		
		willing to do unskilled manual work.		
		2) Time bound guarantee: Employment to be provided within 15 days or		
		else unemployment allowance to be paid.		
		3) Employment upto 100 days in a financial year per household depending		
		upon the actual demand.		
		4) Labour-intensive works, 60 : 40 wage material ratio for permissible works	1 m	
		at Gram Panchayat with no contractors or machinery.	each	
		5) Decentralized planning.	for any 6	
		6) Gram sabhas to recommend works.	points	
6		7) 50% of the works to be done by Gram Panchayats for execution.		
U		8) Principal roles of PRI (Panchayati Raj Institutions) for planning,		
		implementation and monitoring.		
		9) Work-site facilities: Creche, drinking water, first aid and shade should be		
		provided at work sites.		
		10) Women Empowerment: At least one-third of the beneficiaries should be		
		women.		
		11) Transparency and accountability: Proactive disclosure through wall		
		writings, citizen information boards and MIS and social audits.		
		12) Funding: 100% cost towards unskilled wages, 75% towards skilled, semi-		
		skilled and material to be borne by Central Government and 25% of		
		skilled, semi-skilled and materials costs is contributed by states.		
		13) Financial inclusion of the poor: With an aim to universalize the system of		
		wage payments through institutional accounts, it is recommended for all		
		states to disburse wages through post offices and banks.		
	b)			
		Describe the levels of planning with their function.		
		Planning can be carried out at:		
		1. National and State levels (Macro-level).	1	
		2. The individual unit of production (Micro-level).		
		3. Intermediate level (Meso level).		
		1. National and State levels (Macro-level):		



It consists of defining goals of development effort; projecting population growth,	1	
projecting demand and supply of important goods and services, estimating and		
mobilizing necessary domestic and foreign resources and money and skills;		
allocating them to the specific uses among the different sectors of economy.		
2. The individual unit of production (Micro-Level)		
•It refers to planning at the basic unit of production which may be a farm, a		
factory, a household enterprise or may be any other production or a service unit.		
It concerns with the questions related to production, consumption, credit and marketing.		
The first step in the micro-level planning is to identify and delineate the major		
farming areas of the country. Two types of areas must be identified to meet the different agricultural planning needs.		
First, the crop regions that would be appropriate for central production planning	2	
of major crops and second, the agro-climatic regions that could be used for		
agricultural planning by the district state and central governments.		
For each major agro-climate area, a sample of 50-100 typical farms should be		
selected on the basis of their representations of the most important farm types		
with respect to soils, farm size etc. of the area.		
n co-operation with the selected farmers, a farm business survey must be		
conducted and information about the input-output coefficients, resource		
availability and the level of pre-determined activities collected.		
Stages in Micro-level planning:		
a) <b>Diagnosis level:</b> The first stage consists of a preliminary survey of the local		
conditions of the natural and human resources, infrastructural facilities		
and services available in the area to obtain a close view of the		
organisation and management of individual rural enterprises including		
farms and their major handicaps and shortcomings and to identify the		
major constraints on the opportunities for increasing income and		
employment.		
b) Prescription level of planning: The second stage is to work out improved		
micro-plans for the small size groups of rural enterprises. To be successful		
and effective, micro-planning requires an interdisciplinary approach.		
3. Meso-level or intermediate level.	2	
The main function of the meso-level planning is to translate the macro-level plan		
into concrete operational programmes and projects taking into consideration the		
peculiar characteristics and requirements of the		
district or block concerned.		



<ul> <li>c) Explain "Decentralization policy of planning".</li> <li>1) Due to different agro-climatic, techno-economic and socio-culture factors occurring in the different regions of India, national planning to be realistic and effective has to be de-centralized to state and district levels. It is a logical step for democracy.</li> <li>2) This is a movement which permits the wider involvement of people in the process of planning and implementation and "reduces the discrepancies between the national, state and district level plans that arise from regional or area difference.</li> <li>3) The need for de-centralization was felt during the Fourth Five Year Plan and modest beginning was made in the direction of extending planning to the state, regional and district levels.</li> <li>4) In the year 1969, the Planning Commission gave detailed instructions to the state governments as to how to formulate district plans.</li> <li>5) In November 1977, the Planning Commission appointed a working committee to draw guidelines for block level planning.</li> <li>6) This committee submitted its report in 1978' that emphasized the need for strengthening the planning team at the district level and for integration of the block plan with the district plan.</li> <li>7) There have been quite a few attempts by the state governments and other organisations to frame block level plans. Having taken the cognizance of all these efforts, planning commission issued guidelines" for block level planning.</li> <li>8) These guidelines were very preliminary in nature and covered only some essential aspects of block level planning.</li> <li>9) In 1980, the Ministry of Rural Development prepared a 'Manual on Integrated Rural Development" that included procedures and formats for preparing household, village and block plans.</li> <li>10) In 1982, the Union Ministry of Rural Development in consultation with the Planning Commission, state governments and other organizations involved in rural development prepared a manual 'operational guidelines</li> <th></th></ul>	
for block level plans for the Integrated Rural Development Programme. 11) The block level perspective plans were to be aggregated at the district level based on the practical possibilities of development in all sectors. 12) The IRD or the Integrated Rural Development block plan was to be integrated with the development programme of the other departments.	
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