

Regarding awareness programmes for the SC/ST population about central government welfare schemes-laid

DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY (JALPAIGURI): I wish to raise the issue regarding the awareness programmes for the SC/ST population, which constitutes a significant portion of my constituency (SC: 36.71% and ST: 18.87%). Despite numerous Central Government welfare schemes, many individuals from these communities remain unaware of these benefits. Those who are aware often encounter challenges navigating the application processes due to stringent documentation requirements. Given that 55.58% of Jalpaiguri's population belongs to SC and ST communities, it is vital to enhance their access to these welfare programs. I propose the launching of a program similar to Karnataka's Namma Dhvani in Jalpaiguri, utilizing community radio in native languages such as Rajbangshi and Sadri languages to connect with locals more effectively. Additionally, leveraging programs like the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra by deploying volunteers to disseminate information, assist with applications, and facilitate better documentation would significantly benefit these communities.