

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IRDP

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Gramino ki nahin, afsaron ki garibi door kar raha hai IRDP` appearing in Dainik Jagaran dated April 2, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereon;

(c) the number of poor families lifted above poverty line in Bihar through IRDP during each of the last five years; and

(d) the number of cases that have come to light where funds under IRDP have been misappropriated by the officials during each of the last five years, State-wise and the action taken on each of those cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): As per this news item the erstwhile Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) has failed in helping the rural poor to cross the poverty line. The news items further mentions the following about IRDP:

- + Only about 15% of assisted families have crossed the poverty line. 24% of the assets acquired are non-income generating.
- + 50% of the assets acquired did not contribute to increase in income of the beneficiaries.
- + Subsidy under the programme has been responsible for corruption among the officials and bankers.
- + The structure of the programme itself is deficient. It is neither effectively implemented nor does it have technical support.
- + There is no provision for involvement of various agencies and integration of activities of other departments.
- + In order to make the programme successful, the assistance under the programme should be used either in irrigated area or for development of basic infrastructure.
- + Regular follow up and contact between the loanees and the bankers after the disbursal of loan is essential for the success of the programme.
- + As against this reporting in the news paper the latest round (Vth) of Concurrent Evaluation Report of IRDP suggest the following:
 - + 46.34% of assisted old families have crossed the poverty line of Rs.11000/-.
 - + 94.47 % of the old beneficiaries and 87.38% of the new beneficiaries were productively using the assets. They have also reported that their quality asset was very good.
 - + 81.27 % cases of beneficiaries reported availability of inputs and 68.21% reported marketing of output services to be adequate.

In order to make the self employment programme more effective, IRDP and its allied programmes have been restructured and a new programme namely Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) has been launched w. e. f. 1.4.1999. SGSY has been conceived as a holistic programme of micro-enterprise development covering all aspects of self-employment like organization of the rural poor in to self-help groups and their capacity building, planning of activity clusters, infrastructure build up, technology, credit and marketing.

(c) The number of poor families assisted under erstwhile IRDP in Bihar during last five years are given below:-

Year Number of families assisted

1994-95	224736
1995-96	265525
1996-97	244764
1997-98	196849
1998-99	176213

(d) The matter relating to misappropriation of funds is a State subject and is dealt with at the State level. (At the Central level this information is not monitored).