GOVERNMENT OF INDIA URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2860 ANSWERED ON:14.03.2000 EMPLOYMENT GENERATION SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to give new thrust to employment generation and poverty alleviation programmes in the light of recently brought out Bankgkok declaration of the UNCTAD; and
- (b) if so, the details of the schemes, allocation of funds and ways and means to generate fund in this regard; State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a)&(b): As seen from the Plan of Action Report on UNCTAD obtained from Ministry of Commerce, the UNCTAD declaration is primarily related to trade and development. It does not highlight any specific new thrust in the area of poverty alleviation. There mention of poverty alleviation in the concluding para as follows:

`The Conference has brought together development partners to propose practical and meaningful solutions. It has inspired reasons for hope in the possibility of creating a fairer and better world economic system, alleviating poverty, redressing imbalance, and improving the protections of our environment, as well as offering all people security and growing opportunities to raise their standards of living and lead a full and meaningful life....`

Government of India is presently implementing a centrally sponsored scheme on Poverty Alleviation with effect from 1.12.97 viz. Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) with the primary aim of providing gainful employment to urban unemployed or underemployed poor through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures or provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. Statement indicating allocation of funds, State-wise, under the scheme during the current year (1999-2000) is annexed as Annexure-I. No funds are being generated under the scheme.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2860 FOR 14.3.2000

STATEMENT INDICATING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, STATE-WISE DURING THE YEAR 1999-2000

(RS. IN LAKHS)

S.NO. NAME OF THE STATE TENTATIVE ALLOCATION (B.E 1999-2000)

1. ANDHRA PRADESH 1526.50

2. ARUNACHAL PRADESH 68.19

3. ASSAM 916.57

4. BIHAR 872.36

5. GOA 37.72 6. GUJARAT 882.58

7 HARYANA 150.79

8. HIMACHAL PRADESH 75.06

9. JAMMU & KASHMIR 74.84
10. KARNATAKA 1246.57
11. KERALA 421.93
12. MADHYA PRADESH 1692.17
13. MAHARASHTRA 2310.71
14. MANIPUR 211.04
15. MEGHALAYA 131.76
15. MEGHALAYA 131.76 16. MOZORAM 139.22
17. NAGALAND 94.41
17. NAGALAND 94.41 18. ORISSA 403.63
19. PUNJAB 151.27
20. RAJASTHAN 694.64
21. SIKKIM 31.02
22. TAMIL NADU 1655.95
23. TRIPURA 174.11
24. UTTAR PRADESH 2202.09
25. WEST BENGAL 919.87
26. A&N ISLANDS 118.13
27. CHANDIGARH 75.88
28. D&N HAVELI 39.37
29. DAMAN & DIU 65.62
30. DELHI 183.61
31. PONDICHERRY 67.39

TOTAL 17635.00