

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SWARNA JAYANTI GRAM SWAROZGAR YOJANA
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the funds have been reduced under the Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to fill the gap between State Government and the Central Government plan and to mitigate the poverty in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAI AH NAIDU)

(a) & (b) The Central Allocation under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) has been reduced during the year 2000 - 2001 as compared to 1999-2000. The year 1999-2000 was the first year of the SGSY. The implementation of the SGSY is process-oriented involving formation of Self Help Groups (SHG) of the poor and their capacity building, grading of the Group for Revolving Fund and also for assistance to take up economic activity. It takes about a year's time since the formation of the Group till the Group becomes eligible for assistance for economic activity. The utilisation of funds, therefore, was slow in the initial stages due to which the allocation for the current year has been reduced.

(c) The allocation under the SGSY is shared between the Centre and the States on 75:25 basis. By and large there is no gap between the State and the Central Plan as the States are able to provide their matching share. Rural Poverty in India is already on the decline.