

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:338

ANSWERED ON:14.08.2001

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION

A. VENKATESH NAIK;RAMSHETH THAKUR

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

(a) whether the Union Government have allocated less funds for urban development and poverty alleviation programmes for the Ninth Five Year Plan as compared to the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated during the said Five Year Plans, year-wise and the reasons for allocating less funds;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to improve the standard of people living below the poverty line particularly in the Mega Cities; and

(d) the foreign assistance received for the purpose during each of the last three years, country-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.338 OF 14.8.2001 REGARDING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION.

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): This Ministry is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed poor through:

(i) encouraging the setting up of self employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard; and

(ii) provision of wage employment for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

The progress made under various components of the scheme are as under:-

URBAN WAGE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME (UWEP)
- Mandays of work generated : 379.33 lakhs

ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY STRUCTURES
- Beneficiaries covered : 290.71 lakhs

URBAN SELF EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME (USEP)
- Beneficiaries assisted : 313272

- Persons trained : 306998

DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN URBAN AREAS (DWCUA)
- DWCUA groups formed : 17141

- Women beneficiaries of DWCUA groups : 30914

THRIFT & CREDIT SOCIETIES (T&CS)

- T&CS formed : 62731

(d): The foreign assistance received from the UNICEF for Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme during the years 1998, 1999 and 2000 was US \$ 581936, US \$ 423808 and US \$ 260769 respectively.