

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:311
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2001
SWARNA JAYANTI SHAHARI ROZGAR YOJNA
N.T. SHANMUGAM

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

- (a) the manner in which the Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Swarnajayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojna` reaches poorest among the poor in the remote and isolated areas in the country;
- (b) the details and salient features thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the scheme also encourages setting up of Neighbourhood Groups and Community Development etc.; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which the scheme helps in the development of women and children living below poverty line?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.311 FOR 11.12.2001 REGARDING SWARNA JAYANTI SHAHARI ROZGAR YOJNA.

(a)to(c): Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has been implementing a unified Centrally Sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) with effect from 01.12.1997 to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed poor

(i) through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and
(ii) through provision of wage employment. The programme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States. The SJSRY rests on a foundation of community empowerment. Community Organisations like Neighbourhood Groups (NHGs), Neighbourhood Committees (NHCs) and Community Development Societies (CDSs) are set up in the target areas.

(d): Under the Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP) of SJSRY, the percentage of women beneficiaries should not be less than 30%. There is also a special sub-component called `Development of Women & Children in Urban Areas (DWCUA)` under USEP. Under DWCUA, groups of urban poor women are given assistance to take up an economic activity suited to their skill, training, aptitude and local conditions. It is intended to empower the urban poor women by making them independent as also providing a facilitating atmosphere for self employment. A DWCUA Group consisting of at least 10 urban poor women is eligible for a subsidy of Rs.1,25,000 or 50% of the project cost whichever is less. Training is also imparted to them in a variety of service and manufacturing trades as well as in the local skills and local crafts to enable them to set up their self employment ventures. In addition, DWCUA Groups also set up a Thrift & Credit Society (T&CS) which is entitled to a lump sum grant of Rs.25,000/- as revolving fund at the maximum rate of Rs.1000/- per member. The revolving fund is meant for purchase of raw materials and marketing; one time expense of child care activity; incentive subsidy to be paid on behalf of the T&CS member towards health/life/accident/any other insurance scheme for herself subject to saving at least Rs.500/- in a fixed deposit for 12 months with the T&CS etc.