

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PARTICIPATION OF NGOS IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated a special programme for economic emancipation/upliftment of weaker sections in rural areas during the current year;
- (b) if so the details thereof alongwith performance report, scheme-wise;
- (c) whether voluntary organizations/NGOs are encouraged in implementation of rural development schemes;
- (d) if so, the details of such schemes; and
- (e) the details of publicity made about rural development schemes in regional languages to ensure participation of NGOs in implementation of these schemes in rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Rural Development have launched the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) with effect from 25th September, 2001 with the objective to provide wage employment in rural areas and also food security, alongside the creation of durable community, social and economic assets and infrastructure development in these areas. An amount of Rs. 4996.74 crores has been allocated for SGRY during the year 2001-02, out of which Rs. 2500 crores is for foodgrains. The achievement has not been assessed as the scheme has been launched only recently.

(c) & (d) The guidelines of the programmes of the Ministry provide for active people's participation through greater involvement of NGOs. Funds for the involvement of NGOs are, generally, routed through CAPART, a registered society under the administrative control of the Ministry of Rural Development. NGOs are being engaged as Project implementing Agencies by the State authorities under Innovative Stream for Rural Housing and Habitat Development, Rural Building Centres and Watershed Programmes. Under Central Rural Sanitation Programme, NGOs/ voluntary organizations are actively involved in achieving the objectives of generating the felt need for sanitation through awareness creation and health education.

(e) The publicity to create awareness and disseminate information about all the Programmes of the Ministry to the target groups and general public including NGOs, are undertaken through most of the available modes of communication such as Print, Electronic (Radio & TV), outdoor publicity, field level communication campaigns in Hindi, English and Regional languages by the Ministry.