

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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BENEFICIARIES UNDER IRDP
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a steep decline in the number of beneficiaries under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) in some States, especially in the States of Maharashtra and Karnataka during the last three years ;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the percentage of decline noticed during the said period, State-wise, and Scheme-wise;
- (d) whether the Government have conducted any survey to find out the reasons therefor; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in Reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.434 due for Answer on 23.4.2002

The Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozjar Yojana (SGSY) is being implemented since April, 1999 as an integrated Self Employment Programme following restructuring of the erstwhile Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and allied Programmes. Thus, the IRDP has not been in operation from April, 1999.

2. The number of Swarozgaries assisted under the SGSY have increased from 1999-2000 to 2000-2001 in all the States/UTs, except in Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Pondicherry. The total number of Swarozgaries assisted under the Scheme have also increased from about 9,33,868 during 1999-2000 to about 10,30,193 in 2000-2001. In Karnataka, the number of Swarozgaries assisted have increased from 19,184 during 1999-2000 to 29,026 in 2000-2001. The Progress Reports for the year 2001-2002 are yet to be finalised.

3. The reasons for decline in the number of Swarozgaries assisted under the Scheme in some States/UTs in 2000-2001 include availability of relatively more funds on account of carry over of unspent balances under the erstwhile IRDP, TRYSEM, SITRA, DWCR, and GKY during 1999-2000, reduction in the financial provisions because of the SGSY being an allocation based Scheme and emphasis on Group approach from the second year of implementation of the Scheme (2000-2001).

4. The number of Swarozgaries assisted, State-wise, and the percentage decline / increase in the number of Swarozgaries assisted, during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are contained in the Annexure. No survey in regard to decline in the number of Swarozgaries assisted in certain States/UTs has so far been undertaken.