

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3059  
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NON-FARM ACTIVITIES GROUP IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether rural non-farm activities provide maximum employment outside the agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government are supporting a number of institutions engaged in these activities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the financial assistance provided by the Government to such institutions during each of the last three years ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K.PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Under the two Schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development viz., the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), for wage Employment and the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for Self-Employment, non-farm activities can be taken up. These two Schemes are being implemented through the State Governments/ UT Administrations.

(d) & (e) In the context of reply to (b) & (c) above, the Questions do not arise.