

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING TO LOCAL ARTISANS UNDER SGSY

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to train local artisans under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY);
- (b) if so, the details of the programme prepared in this regard; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to provide proper support and encouragement to tap the inherent talents and capabilities of the rural poor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) & (b) Skill up-gradation, both technical as well as managerial, of rural poor including rural artisans to enable them to take up economic activities for sustainable income is an integral component of the existing Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) being implemented as per approved guidelines. Marketing support involving market intelligence, development of markets, consultancy services and institutional support for marketing of the goods are also provided under the scheme.

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development has been organizing SARAS Fairs at the national and regional levels and Gramshree Melas through CAPART. These fairs have provided rural artisans a platform to sell their products beyond the limits of the local markets and also help them in getting exposure to the market and marketing techniques. Workshops are organized during these fairs to upgrade the skill of rural artisans.