

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:357  
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2005  
TARGET FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has revised the target set for the Tenth Five Year Plan in regard to alleviation of poverty prevailing in cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to achieve the target set under such programmes; and
- (d) the success achieved by the Union Government as a result thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION ( KUMARI SELJA )

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

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.357 FOR 19.4.2005 REGARDING TARGET FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION.

(a)to(d): The Tenth Five Year Plan period (2002-2007) has set a target for reduction of poverty by 5 percentage points by the year 2007 and by 15 percentage points by 2012. The Tenth Plan does not specify any separate targets for reducing poverty levels in cities.

In the urban areas, Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is implementing an employment oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, through States/Union Territories, with effect from 1.12.1997. The scheme envisages to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have studied upto 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

During the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07), on all India basis, targets to provide 4,00,000 employment opportunities to the urban poor, through setting up of micro/group enterprises and to impart skill training to 5,00,000 persons have been fixed under SJSRY. During the first three years of the Tenth Plan, i.e. 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, as per the reports received from the states, as against the cumulative targets of setting up of 2.40 lakh micro enterprises and providing skill up-gradation training to 3 lakh urban poor, 2,97,419 micro-enterprises have been set up and 3,55,868 urban poor have been provided skill training.