

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

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UNEMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has formulated any scheme to reduce unemployment to tackle the problem of unemployment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the target fixed under the said scheme; and
- (d) the number of unemployed youths likely to get employment through the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)to(d): In order to ameliorate the living conditions of the urban poor and to focus on the employment generation among the urban poor in the country, Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is already implementing an employment oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Scheme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997. The Scheme strives 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 not studied beyond 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

During the Tenth Plan period, under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana, targets of assisting 4 lakh urban poor, including unemployed urban youth, in setting up micro/group enterprises and imparting skill training to 5 lakh urban poor have been fixed.