

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3450
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2006
URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME
Barman Shri Hiten;Barman Shri Ranen;Yadav Shri Ram Kripal

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

- (a) the details of the programmes and schemes formulated and implemented by the Government to alleviate urban poverty in the country, scheme-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilized by each State Government during the last three years for implementation of the above schemes, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the number of persons benefited from these schemes;
- (d) whether the funds allocated for alleviation of urban poverty is very minuscule as compared to the allocation for rural poverty alleviation;
- (e) if so, the details there of for the last three years; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): In order to ameliorate the living conditions of the urban poor and to focus on 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.

(b): The Central funds released to the States/UTs and expenditure reported by the States/UTs through Quarterly Progress Reports, during the last three years, is given at Annexure.

(c): Since the inception of the Scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana on 1.12.1997, as reported by the States/UTs through Quarterly Progress Reports received upto 30.11.2006, cumulatively the number of persons benefited under the Scheme are as under:

Total number of urban poor assisted to set up micro/group enterprises : 911056

Number of urban poor imparted skill training : 947819

Number of mandays of work generated under the wage employment component : 586.86 lakh

(d)to(f): The Central allocation for the Scheme of Swarna Jayanti Rozgar Yojana has been very meagre keeping in view the total number of urban poor of 67.1 million estimated in 1990-2000. The Central allocation of funds for SJSRY during the last three years are given below. It is observed that due to vigorous efforts of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation for enhancement in budget allocation, the Central allocations under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana have substantially increased in the recent years.