

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:100
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BENEFITS TO POORS UNDER SJSRY
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which the poorest of the poors living in remote areas of the country avail the benefits of Centrally Sponsored ' Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana';
- (b) the details and the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the said scheme promotes setting up of community groups and community development; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which the said scheme helps in the development of women and children living below poverty line?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 100 FOR 7.12.2004 REGARDING BENEFITS TO POORS UNDER SJSRY

(a)&(b): Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme, named, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) on all India basis, through the State Government/UTs, with effect from 1.12.1997 with a view to provide gainful employment to the Urban unemployed or under-employed poor through

- (i) encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have studied upto 9th standard and
- (ii) provision of wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio 75:25 between the Centre and the States.

(c): The SJSRY rests on a foundation of community empowerment. Rather than relying on the traditional method of top down implementation, this programme relies on establishing and promoting community organizations and structures to provide supporting and facilitating mechanism for local development. Towards this end, community organizations like Neighbourhood Groups (NHGs), Neighbourhood Committees (NHCs) and Community Development Societies (CDSs) are set up in the target areas. The CDSs are the focal point for the purpose of identification of beneficiaries; preparation of applications, monitoring of recovery and generally providing other support that is necessary to the programme including identification of viable projects.

(d): Under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), there is a special provision for providing assistance to the groups of urban poor women for setting up of gainful self-employment ventures through Development of Women and Children in Urban Areas (DWCUA) under the component of Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP). DWCUA groups are groups of urban poor women who are imparted training to upgrade their skills for taking up entrepreneurial activities and are also provided financial assistance through banks for setting up of micro enterprises. Further, such DWCUA groups of women are entitled to the subsidy of Rs.1.25 lakh or 50 per cent of the cost of the project, whichever is less. DWCUA groups can also set up Thrift and Credit Societies in addition to their entrepreneurial activities and are also entitled for a lump sum grant of Rs.25,000/- as revolving fund at the rate of Rs.1000/- maximum per member. There is a special provision of 30 percent reservation for women under self-employment programme for grant of subsidies.