

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LAUNCHING OF NATIONAL RURAL POVERTY ELIMINATION PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government is planning to launch another nationwide ambitious scheme under the Rural Development Ministry to be known as National Rural Poverty Elimination Programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development are reviewed from time to time from the point of view of their effectiveness. The Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is the major self-employment and poverty alleviation programme of the Government of India under implementation since 01.04.1999. After taking stock of the experience under the programme since inception, it has been felt necessary to redesign the scheme so as to ensure and enhance the deliverables to the rural BPL families, make the programme more effective and assist them to rise above the poverty line. The restructuring of the SGSY is being considered by a Drafting Committee and also a Steering Committee constituted by the Planning Commission. The National Rural Poverty Elimination Programme (NRPEP) is only a revised nomenclature suggested by the Drafting Committee for the SGSY and is not a new programme which is just under discussion.