GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3615 ANSWERED ON:27.04.2007 NGK COOPERATION OF BANKS UNDER SGSY Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the non-cooperative attitude of nationalised barks in implementing important Rural Development Scheme like Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) created hindrance in achievement of ^oals;
- (b) if so, whether the complaints regarding non-cooperation of Banks in providing economic assistance to Sell-Help Groups through Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana. have been received; and
- (c) if so, the detiails thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (c): Under SGSY programme, the Government of India fixed State-wise targets for disbursement of loans by1 institutional agencies which is being allocated amongst different institutions at the state level and branch-wise allocations are made at the respective Zonal/State level of the banks. The achievement during the three years is as under:-

(Rs.in crores)

Year Target Total Loan Disburiaed

Amount No.of Persons assisted Amount % of achievement

2004 1363.12 962396 816.11 59.87

2005 15115.76 1055335 927.30 61.05

2006 1597.06 1177366 1095.15 68.57

As evident from the table, the disbursement is showing an increasing trend. A quick study of SGSY was conducted by Reserve Bank of India to ascertain the reasons for the pendency of applications at bank branch level. The study, inter-alia, revealed the following reasons/ constraints in sanctioning of applications:-

Fowarding unviable and un-bankable proposals to the banks. Most of the applications pertained to similar type of activity resulting in saturation of activ; ty.

Lack of co-ordination between govt. agencies and bank officials.

Bunching of applications by the Sponsoring Agencies and submission of applications at the end of the year.

The Government has, however, instructed the Public Sector Banks to ensure that all branches achieve targets under Swamajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojna Scheme (SGSY), RBI and NABARD have instructed Commercial Banks and Regional Rural Banks/ Cooperative Banks respectively to initiate concrete steps to scale up the pace of credit flow under the programme of SGSY. Banks were also advised to consider proper delegation of powers to the Branch Managers for sanction of loans without a need to refe:: to higher authorities.