

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR DEVELOPMENT ON NON FARM SECTOR

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to create rural business hubs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide jobs to drought hit people in rural areas;
- (d) if so, the details of mechanism thereof, State-wise;
- (e) the scheme to help rural women find sustainable jobs along with the norms introduced therefor and those benefited/likely to be benefited, State-wise; and
- (f) the steps to expand market infrastructure to benefit farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) & (b) No decision has yet been taken on the creation of rural business hubs.

(c), (d) & (e) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing through the State Governments a self employment scheme namely, the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and a Wage Employment Scheme namely, the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) to provide employment opportunities to the families living Below the Poverty Line (BPL) in the rural areas including drought hit areas of the country. Under the SGSY, the Self Help Groups (SHGs) are being organized, 40% of the beneficiaries are women. The SGRY is being implemented as a centrally sponsored scheme on cost sharing basis between the Centre and the States. The cash component of the Programme is shared between the Centre and State in the ratio of 75:25. There is a provision of special component under the SGRY to provide supplementary based employment in the calamity affected rural areas.

f) Up to 25% in case of North Eastern States and 20% in case of other states, of the allocation under the SGSY is for the infrastructure, which includes expansion of marketing infrastructure for the benefit of farmers.