

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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SLUM REHABILITATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes proposed to be undertaken to provide means of livelihood to the urban poor;
- (b) whether such schemes have been/ are being linked with slum rehabilitation projects to ensure easy repayment;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the skill sets and professional expertise of slum dwellers can be taken as the basis for employment/self employment and loans arranged from financing institutions to enable generation of higher income and consequent capability for repayment; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): The centrally sponsored urban poverty alleviation scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), implemented since 1.12.1997, has been recently revamped by the Government, with effect from 1st April 2009. The revamped SJSRY has following components:

- (i). Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP) - targets individual urban poor for setting up of micro-enterprises,
- (ii). Urban Women Self-help Programme (UWSP) - targets urban poor women self-help groups for setting up of group-enterprises and providing them assistance through a revolving fund for thrift & credit activities.
- (iii). Skill Training for Employment Promotion amongst Urban Poor (STEP-UP)- targets urban poor for imparting quality training so as to enhance their employability for self-employment or better salaried employment.
- (iv). Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP)-seeks to assist urban poor by utilizing their labour for the construction of socially and economically useful public assets, in towns having population less than 5 lakhs as per 1991 census, and.
- (v). Urban Community Development Network (UCDN)- seeks to assist the urban poor in organizing themselves in self-managed community structures so as to gain collective strength to address the issues of poverty facing them and participate in the effective implementation of urban poverty alleviation programmes.

(b) & (c): Slum Development and rehabilitation programmes are being taken up under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). The Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) components of JNNURM are aimed at providing basic amenities viz. affordable shelter, land tenure, water, sanitation, primary health, primary education and social security, to the slum dwellers and urban poor.

States have been requested to implement the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in a coordinated manner so that the beneficiaries under housing and slum rehabilitation programmes are also able to have access to livelihood opportunities provided under SJSRY. States have also been requested to conduct slum, household and livelihood surveys in slums so as to enable the States to match the skill sets of the slum dwellers with the emerging employment opportunities under the revamped Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY).