

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT UNDER MGNREGS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any difference has been made by Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) regarding generation of employment in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to eradicate this problem?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a) to (d): Mahatma Gandhi NREGA provides a legal guarantee for 100 days of wage employment to every rural household in a financial year for doing unskilled manual work on demand. The Act was launched in 200 districts on 02-02-2006. 130 additional districts were covered during 2007-08 and all the remaining rural areas have been covered under the Act from 01-04-2008. Under the Act, 2.10 crore households were provided employment during 2006-07; 3.39 crore during 2007-08; 4.51 crore during 2008-09 and 5.25 crore during 2009-10.

Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), introduced with effect from 01-04-1999, is a major Self-employment programme for the rural poor in all the States/UTs (except Delhi and Chandigarh). This is a holistic programme covering all aspects of self-employment such as organization of the poor into Self Help Groups(SHG), training, credit, technology infrastructure and marketing. SGSY has a definitive objective of improving the family income of the rural poor and at the same time, providing for a flexibility of design at the grass root level to suit the local needs and resources. Assistance under SGSY to the rural poor is through a mix of bank credit and government subsidy to acquire income-generating assets. Assistance to individual Swarozgaris or SHGs is also given in the form of subsidy by government and credit by the banks.

Till date 144.50 lakh Swarozgaris have been assisted with a total investment of Rs. 34419.36 crore. An amount of Rs. 23233.63 crore has been mobilized as credit and Rs. 11185.74 crore has been disbursed as subsidy under the scheme.