

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR BPL PEOPLE

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being run by Government for the benefit of people living Below the Poverty Line (BPL);
- (b) the details of funds allocated during the last three years and current year for implementation of these schemes, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is formulating any plan to ensure full and appropriate use of the funds allocated for these schemes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to start some new schemes for upliftment of BPL in the country including Uttarakhand; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) is implementing Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) throughout the country including Uttarakhand for the benefit of people living Below the Poverty Line (BPL). Under these Schemes allocation of funds have been made annually. The SGSY is primarily designed to promote self- oriented income generating activities for the BPL households in rural areas. This scheme is now being restructured as National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) with a view to implement it in a Mission-mode for targeted and time-bound delivery of results. Under NRLM, an additional monitoring tools are envisaged, which includes making impact assessment an integral part of NRLM to monitor the effectiveness of the Mission

- (i) put in place a comprehensive MIS encompassing database of SHG profiles, federations, training institutions and activities, placements of trained beneficiaries, marketing of products etc.,
- (ii) have mandatory concurrent and mid-term evaluations,
- (iii) introducing social accountability practices like social audits etc. to facilitate monitoring & bring in transparency in programme implementation.

A statement showing State-wise and year-wise central funds allocated under the Scheme for the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-I. The objective of IAY is to provide financial assistance for construction/upgradation of houses to BPL rural households. Under the scheme, financial assistance amounting to Rs.45,000/- in plain areas and Rs.48,500/- in hilly/difficult areas is provided to the beneficiaries. A statement showing State-wise and year-wise central funds allocated under the Scheme for the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-II.

Both the schemes are monitored through various mechanisms such as Monthly and Annual Progress Reports, Financial Returns/ Audit Reports to ensure full and proper use of funds.