

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE OF NABARD
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved projects regarding providing employment to the youths of rural areas of the country with the assistance of NABARD;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of employment proposed to be provided to the trained youths under these projects; and
- (d) the details of fund sanctioned by the Government for this purpose?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): Under the existing guidelines of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY), 15% of allocation every year is set apart for taking up special projects which are of pioneering nature for bringing a specified number of rural below poverty line (BPL) beneficiaries above poverty line in a time bound manner. Since 2005-06, under the special project component of SGSY, demand based skill development training leading to placement of rural poor to absorb them in the emerging employment opportunities in the country has been undertaken. Agencies like National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD),Hyderabad, NABARD Consultancy Services Pvt. Limited (NABCONS), Mumbai,Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), or the concerned District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) has been identified as fund routing, coordinating and monitoring agencies on behalf of Ministry of Rural Development. So far, 116 such projects have been sanctioned to provide employment to 9.37 lakh rural youth with a total budget outlay of Rs. 1294 crore. A sum of Rs. 349.15 Crore has been released for these projects.