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LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING TO RURAL WOMEN
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for promoting trade-related entrepreneurship for rural women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated for schemes/ programmes for promoting skill based training to rural women?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), a major self employment programme which involves the participation of SHGs. SGSY focuses on organization of the poor into Self Help Groups (SHGs) and training of the SHGs. The SHGs are assisted in accessing credit from banks, and subsidy from the programme is linked to bank credit, to enable the beneficiaries to take up income generating micro-enterprises of their choice. They are also provided with the skill training for taking up livelihood activities of their choice, including trade related entrepreneurship. The total allocation for SGSY for the year 2010-11 is Rs.2884 crore. Upto 10% of the allocation of a district, under SGSY, can be utilized for training and capacity building of SHG members, which includes expenditure on skill training for micro-enterprises.

In addition, under the placement linked skill development component of SGSY, short term skill development training is provided to rural BPL youth in a variety of skills matched with livelihood opportunities in the private sector. Upto 15% of the allocation under SGSY can be utilized for placement linked skill development projects.

The Ministry also has a scheme for setting up Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs), one in each district in the States, to provide basic and skill development training to the rural BPL youth, including women beneficiaries, to enable them to undertake micro enterprises and wage employment. In 2010-11, an amount of Rs.50 crores was allocated for this scheme under SGSY.