

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION SCHEMES

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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Poverty Alleviation Schemes formulated / being implemented by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise, scheme-wise;
- (b) whether the targets fixed for poverty alleviation have not been achieved by the Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for not achieving the target;
- (d) the number of beneficiaries under these schemes as on date, State-wise, Scheme-wise;
- (e) the funds allocated, released and expenditure incurred during the said period, State-wise, scheme-wise; and
- (f) the steps taken for expeditious implementation of programmes for poverty alleviation in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION(KUMARI SELJA)

(a): With a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the urban poor, an employment-oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), is being implemented by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation on all India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997. The programme strives to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures and secondly, by providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

(b): Under the scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) the physical targets prescribed at the national level have been more than achieved during the last three years.

(c): Question does not arise.

(d): Cumulative number of beneficiaries under the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) since inception of the scheme and upto 2008-2009, State-wise, are at Annexure-I.

(e): Under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), Central funds tentatively allocated, released and expenditure reported by the States/UTs through Quarterly Progress Reports (QPRs) during last three years and tentative allocation for 2009-10, is at Annexure-II.

(f): On the basis of feedback received from State Governments, Urban Local Bodies and other stakeholders, the scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) has been comprehensively revamped with effect from 2009-2010.

The revised SJSRY has now five major components namely:-

- (i) Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP)
- (ii) Urban Women Self-help Programme (UWSP)
- (iii) Skill Training for Employment Promotion amongst Urban Poor (STEP-UP)
- (iv) Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP)
- (v) Urban Community Development Network (UCDN)