

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2925
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2011
SELF HELP GROUPS UNDER SJGSY
Bhaiya Shri Shivraj

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ten per cent grant is provided to self help groups under the Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana;
- (b) if so, whether this grant provided to self help groups is likely to be increased from ten to twenty-five per cent;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any provision is likely to be made for disbursing the grant directly to the self help groups instead of paying through the banks; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY) the Self Help Groups (SHGs) receive Revolving Fund in the form of a grant, equal to the group corpus, with a minimum of Rs. 5,000/- and a maximum of Rs. 10,000/- as first dose and up to a maximum of Rs. 20,000 as second dose, inclusive of the first dose.

Subsidy under the SGSY is uniform at 30% of the project cost, subject to a maximum of Rs.7,500/-. In respect of SC/STs and differently abled, however, these will be 50% and Rs.10,000/- respectively. For groups of Swarozgaris (SHGs), the subsidy is at 50% of the cost of the scheme or per capita subsidy of Rs.7,500/- for general category or Rs.10,000/- for SC/ST and differently abled or Rs.1.25 lakh, whichever is less.

The SGSY has now been restructured as National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) to implement it in a mission mode in a phased manner for targeted and time bound delivery of results. To meet the requirement both in terms of consumption and taking up the income generating activities, it is proposed under NRLM, to raise the amount of revolving fund to Rs 15000 per SHG. It is proposed to provide capital subsidy of Rs 15,000 to individual Swarozgaries of general category and Rs 20,000 to SC/ST and differently abled. For SHGs, subsidy will be Rs 15,000 per capita to individual Swarozgaries of general category and Rs 20,000 to per capita to SC/ST and differently abled, subject to a maximum of Rs 2.50 lakh, whichever is less. The capital subsidy will be provided to the SHGs directly or through their federations.