

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PEOPLE BROUGHT ABOVE POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Rural Development has no system/mechanism as such of generating data/information about people who were brought above poverty line during a particular year;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the extent to which the implementation of rural development schemes is affected in the absence of such data?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing a number of schemes with specific objectives and the persons crossing the poverty line are not assessed in all these Schemes. However, one of the major Self-Employment Scheme namely Swarnajayanti Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) has basic objective to bring the assisted poor families (Swarozgaries) above the poverty line by providing them income generating assets/micro enterprises in rural areas through a mix of Bank Credit and Governmental Subsidy. The concurrent evaluation study conducted by the Ministry of Rural Development through reputed independent research organizations during 2007-08 reveals that maximum percentage of individual Swarozgaries and group Swarozgaries who crossed the poverty line due to SGSY activities is in Gujarat (33.33%) and Meghalaya (33.86%) respectively. Similarly minimum number of individual and group Swarozgaries crossing poverty line are in Orissa (14.87%) and Chattisgarh (14.56%) respectively.