

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the employment generation schemes being implemented by his Ministry in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) whether these schemes have been falling short of target in providing employment to rural unemployed youth;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;and
- (d) the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR.C. P. JOSHI)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.401 for reply on 31.7.2009

(a): The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) for generating wage employment and Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for generating self employment in the rural areas of the country. The NREG Act provides a legal guarantee of 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Number of days of employment availed by a household depends on the number of days of employment demanded by the household. The SGSY has been conceived as a holistic programme covering all aspects of self employment like organization of rural poor into Self Help Groups (SHGs) and their capacity building, training, planning of activity clusters, infrastructure development, financial assistance through bank credit and subsidy, marketing support etc.The beneficiaries under SGSY are individuals below poverty line.

(b)&(c): No, Sir. The NREGA is demand based and has no target. As per report received from States, 2.10 crores households were provided employment during 2006-07; 3.39 crores during 2007-08; and 4.49 crores households during 2008-09 have been provided employment. Under SGSY during 2006-07, 16.92 lakh swarozgaris were assisted vis-À-vis the target of 10.91 lakh, during 2007-08, 16.99 lakh swarozgaris were assisted vis-À-vis the target of 13.53 lakh and during 2008-09, 18.62 lakh swarozgaris were assisted vis-À-vis the target of 17.63 lakh. Benefits of these programmes also go to the rural unemployed youths.

(d): Does not arise.