

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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SELF EMPLOYMENT  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether any financial provision has been made under any scheme for creating self employment for women so as to make them self-reliant in the Budget 2009-10;
- (b) If so, the salient features thereof and the norms laid down in this regard;
- (c) Whether steps have been taken to implement the said scheme at district level so that urban/rural women can earn their income; and
- (c) If so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a): Yes, madam.

(b): Two major schemes for creating self employment for women are 'Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women'(STEP) being implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and 'Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana'(SGSY) implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.

The scheme of 'Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women' (STEP), aims at creating interalia, self-employment for asset-less and marginalised women with special focus on SC/ST households and families below the poverty line. Under this programme, upto 90 per cent of the project cost is given by the Government of India. The remaining 10 per cent has to be borne by the implementing agency from its own sources or through sources other than Government of India.

Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the scheme of 'Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana' (SGSY), with the aim of bringing the assisted rural poor families above the poverty line by providing them income generating assets through a mix of bank credit and government subsidy. The scheme involves organization of the poor into Self Help Groups (SHGs) and building their capacities and creation of infrastructure, marketing, and technological support etc. Special safeguard has been provided by way of reserving 40% benefits for women.

(c)&(d): A number of STEP projects are being implemented at district/block/village levels across the country through Public Sector Organizations, District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs), Federations, Co-operatives and Voluntary organizations. The scheme of 'Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana' (SGSY) is implemented through DRDAs with active involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions, banks, line Departments of the State Governments and Non Government Organizations.

In addition, there are other schemes like 'Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women' implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs with similar objectives.