GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4718 ANSWERED ON:07.08.2009 SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROJECTS Jena Shri Mohan;Kashyap Shri Virender

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry is assisting any Community Managed Sustainable Agriculture Projects in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the achievement made under such projects; and
- (c) the steps taken to assist such projects throughout the country?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): No Community Managed Sustainable Agriculture project in Andhra Pradesh is being assisted by Ministry of Rural Development. Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) which is a credit-cum-subsidy programme for sustainable livelihood of rural Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, aims at bringing the assisted poor families (Swarojgaries) above the Poverty Line by ensuring appreciable sustained level of income over a period of time by organising the rural poor into Self Help Groups (SHGs) through the process of social mobilization, their training and capacity building and provision of income generating assets for taking up micro-enterprises in any sector including agriculture sector. SGSY also has provision for setting apart 15% of allocation for taking up special projects to try out new initiatives which are of pioneering nature to ensure a time bound programme for bringing specific number of BPL families above the poverty line.