

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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OBJECTIVES OF SGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) has basic objective to assist poor families and bring them above the poverty line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any survey to identify the number of poor families who were brought above poverty line; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is being implemented since 1999. It aims at providing sustainable income to rural BPL families through income generating assets / economic activities so as to bring them out of poverty line. It is a process oriented scheme involving processes like organization of the rural poor (BPL) in to Self-Help Groups (SHGs) through social mobilization, capacity building & training, provision of revolving fund, making available credit and subsidy, technology, infrastructure and marketing. Thrust is on empowerment of the vulnerable sections of the society, i.e. 50% for SC/STs, 40% for women, 15% for minorities and 3% for disabled persons. SGSY has now been restructured into the National Rural Livelihoods Mission.

(c)&(d) Under SGSY, no survey has been conducted to identify the number of poor families who were brought above poverty line. However, Centre for Management Development carried out concurrent evaluation of all programmes of Ministry of Rural Development, including of SGSY and in its report received in 2011, it was stated that about 52% beneficiaries have reported increase in income after being a beneficiary of the scheme. The maximum incremental annual income was found in Uttar Pradesh (Rs. 31,032) and Pondicherry (Rs. 7,333) and Bihar (Rs. 7604). A statement indicating targets and achievements of State-wise number of swarozgaris assisted during 2009-10 to 2012-13 (up-to January 2013) is enclosed as Annexure I.