

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION  
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URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION SCHEMES

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**Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in urban areas in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether urban poverty has been declining in the country and if so, the details thereof along with its present status, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of schemes launched for urban poverty alleviation and employment generation in the country along with the success achieved as a result thereof;
- (d) the details of funds sanctioned and released to the States including the details of beneficiaries under these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme and State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the effective implementation of the schemes ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION [DR. (MS.) GIRIJA VYAS]

(a): A Statement showing State-wise population Below Poverty Line (BPL) in urban areas in the country for year 2011-12 is at Annexure-I.

(b): As per the poverty estimates released by the Planning Commission, the percentage of population below poverty line in urban areas has declined from 25.7% in 2004-05 to 13.7% in 2011-12. A Statement showing State-wise number of urban population Below Poverty Line (BPL) in urban areas for years 2004-05 and 2011-12 is at Annexure-II.

(c): The Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing the scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) which aims to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and under-employed poor, by encouraging setting up of self employment ventures by the urban poor living below the poverty line, skills training and also through providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

A total of 13,06,865 beneficiaries have been assisted under Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP), 31,38,653 persons have been skill trained under Skill Training for Employment Promotion amongst Urban Poor (STEP-UP) and 6,62,821 women beneficiaries have been assisted for setting up Group micro enterprises under Urban Women Self-help Programme (UWSP) components of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) since its inception.

(d): Statement showing State-wise funds sanctioned and released under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) for the last three years and current year are at Annexure-III.

A Statement showing State-wise beneficiaries as per reported by States/UTs under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) for the last three years and current year are at Annexure-IV.

(e): The Ministry is regularly monitoring the progress through quarterly/monthly physical and financial reports, periodic review meeting at state/regional/city level and field visits by Ministry's Officers. States and stakeholders are advised during the course of review meetings at Central/Regional and at State Level to ensure that benefits reach the urban poor.