

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SWARNJAYANTI GRAM SWAROZGAR YOJANA
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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) and (b):- Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) was being implemented since 1999. It aimed at providing sustainable income to rural BPL families through income generating assets / economic activities so as to bring them out of poverty line. SGSY has since been restructured as National Rural Livelihoods Mission (Aajeevika) and it was launched on 3rd June, 2011. After a transition period of two years, SGSY has ceased to exist with effect from 1.4.2013. National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), the successor programme to SGSY, proposes to cover all rural poor families, in a phased manner.

The programme aims at building strong and sustainable grass roots institutions of rural poor women and enabling them to access their own social networks, resources and knowledge for gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities and thereby achieve appreciable improvement in their livelihoods on a sustainable basis. Universal social mobilization through formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs) under NRLM and federating these groups at village and higher levels will ensure at least one member of each rural poor family, preferably a woman member, is covered under SHG and is part of a large social network.

NRLM proposes to ensure universal financial inclusion for them by facilitating opening of savings accounts of all SHGs, simultaneously encouraging their thrift and credit activities and facilitating access to credit and other financial services from banks.

There is a provision under the programme for training and capacity building of interested members to take up micro enterprises for enhancing their incomes. In addition to self employment, NRLM also focuses on supporting rural poor youth for accessing skilled wage employment through placement linked skill development projects. NRLM is a demand driven programme and the States formulate their own poverty reduction action plans.

(c) and (d):- Under SGSY, no survey has been conducted to identify the number of poor families who were brought above poverty line. However, the 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.

A statement indicating targets and achievements of State-wise number of swarozgaris assisted during 2010-11 to 2012-13 is enclosed as Annexure I.