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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any extensive policy for generation of more employment opportunities for drought and flood affected areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the extent to which the said policy is likely to prove helpful in providing employment opportunities to the poor in various States;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received requests for providing additional assistance for implementation of various schemes for generation of employment in some States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH)

(a) to (d): There is no specific scheme for generation of more employment opportunities for drought and flood affected areas of the country. However, the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing through State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, major schemes/ programmes namely Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) / Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY). For poverty alleviation and employment generation in rural areas of the country, MGNREGA provides guarantee of 100 days employment to the adult members of the households who are willing to do unskilled work including agricultural workers and peasants. The Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) restructured as National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) conceives a holistic approach of self employment such as subsidy and bank credit for establishing a large number of micro enterprises including skill development.

Ministry of Finance (Finance Commission Division) also releases grant in aid to State Governments towards central share of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) as per recommendation of Thirteenth Finance Commission (FC XIII) and grant in aid to State from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for severe calamities, as may be recommended by the High Level Committee (HLC) of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).