

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IN RURAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme to generate employment in villages and small townships in rural areas under the liberalisation programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, its modus operandi and the estimated number of employment opportunities generated thereby so far; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for operationalising and popularising the scheme?

Answer

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

(a): The Ministry of Rural Development through State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, implements the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) as wage employment programme and Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) as self employment programme in all the rural areas of the country.

(b): The NREGA aims at enhancing livelihood security of households in rural areas of the country by providing atleast 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a financial year to every household whose adult member volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Under NREGA, 4.51 crore rural households were provided 216.32 crore persondays of employment during 2008-09. The Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is a holistic programme of self employment covering all aspects including provision of income generating assets, training and capacity building, credit, technology, infrastructure and marketing support. Under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), 18.62 lakh Swarozgaris were assisted during 2008-09.

(c): The Ministry has adopted five pronged strategy comprising

- (i) creation of awareness about the schemes,
- (ii) people's participation,
- (iii) transparency,
- (iv) accountability and
- (v) vigilance and monitoring of rural development programmes for operationalising and popularizing the schemes and for their effective implementation.