

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT OF RURAL WOMEN  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to bridge the gender biasness in aquaculture activities through capacity building support of rural women in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase credit support and technological assistance to these women;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise;and
- (e) if not, the reasons thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Under the Centrally Sponsored National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen, financial assistance is provided mainly to the State Governments for training and extension activities both for fishermen and fisherwomen which are intended for their capacity building.

Similarly, under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), to eliminate gender biasness in economic activities including fisheries sector in rural areas,the existing guideline prescribes that 50% of the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) formed in each block are to be exclusively for the women.It also provides that 40% of the total swarozgaries assisted in a year should be women.

For capacity building of beneficiaries,including women,the Government has initiated steps to set up Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETIs) in each district of the Country.These are bank led Institutes in which the Government would pitch in with one time infrastructure fund @ Rs.1 crore per RSETI and the State Government would provide land free of cost.The RSETIs would offer short term training with long term hand holding of the beneficiaries. Funds for setting up 110 RSETIs have been released during the year 2008-09.

(c)&(d): During the last three years i.e. 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09, the overall credit support to women swarozgaries under SGSY shows an increasing trend as per statement at Annexure-I. SGSY also provides for support to beneficiaries in terms of technology inputs for micro enterprises which are regularly upgraded.

(e): Does not arise.