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SCHEMES FOR URBAN POOR
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made an assessment of schemes being run for the benefit of urban poor in the country;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the extent to which these schemes have been helpful in eradicating poverty in urban areas;

(c) the shortcomings detected in the implementation of these schemes till now; and

(d) the corrective steps taken / proposed to be taken to ensure that the benefits of the schemes reach urban poor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation made an assessment of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) which was under implementation since 1997.

(b) to (d) An overview of the implementation of SJSRY in the country had mixed results. The studies have shown that the scheme has been relatively successful in alleviating urban poverty wherever systematic mobilization of the poor into SHGs, their capacity building and skill development programmes were taken up in a process- intensive and professional manner alongwith a robust implementation structure.

Factors such as low budgetary support, lack of community awareness, absence of dedicated staff to implement the scheme, lack of linkage between skill development and employment opportunities provided by the market and reluctance of banks to extend loans for micro- enterprises, etc have been found to be the some of the difficulties affecting accomplishments under SJSRY.

National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) was launched in September, 2013 to replace the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY). NULM builds on the core strengths of the SJSRY and incorporates the important lessons from previous experience in implementation of SJSRY.