

Title: Need to release additional funds to the Government of Karnataka for implementation of Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojna- Laid.

SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI (GULBARGA) : The State Government of Karnataka has proposed enhanced Central funding for urban employment projects under the Swarna Jayanthi Rozgar Yojana. The Karnataka Government has urged for providing at least Rs. 40 crore in additional allocation for the State and has suggested that the guideline limiting 5 per cent spending on Administration and Other Expenditure (A&OE) should be revised to provide additional money for the purpose. The 5 per cent provision was grossly inadequate to meet the A&OE expenses.

The State Government of Karnataka has pointed out that the drastic reduction of allocation for the scheme had adversely affected implementation of various programmes already undertaken on urban poverty alleviation in the State of Karnataka. The Union Urban Development Minister had agreed to provide higher allocation to the State Government of Karnataka for urban employment projects.

Sir, in view of this, I urge upon the Government to kindly make available sufficient funds, as demanded by the State Government of Karnataka, to implement programmes already undertaken under the Swarna Jayanthi Shahari Rozgar Yojna to alleviate the urban poverty in the State of Karnataka.