

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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BENEFICIARIES UNDER BPL SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that out of the targeted figure of beneficiaries under the Below Poverty Line Schemes only 25.60 Lakhs have actually been achieved in three years of its implementation;
- (b) if not, the reasons for this discrepancy between targeted aim and actual implementation; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to cover the shortfall of beneficiaries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) The Ministry of Rural Development has two Schemes for employment generation viz, the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for self employment and the Sampurna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) for wage employment for the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. An estimated 28.06 lakh Swarozgaris have been assisted during the years 2000-01 to 2002-03 under the SGSY and 7249.48 lakh mandays of employment created under the SGRY during the year 2002-03. During the years 2000-01 and 2001-02, a total of 9516.14 lakh mandays of employment was also generated under the erstwhile Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), which have since been merged into SGRY.

(b) Under the above schemes no physical targets have been fixed.

(c) The erstwhile Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and allied Schemes have been restructured to form a holistic Scheme of self-employment, namely the SGSY. Similarly, the EAS and the JGSY have been restructured to form a new wage employment Scheme viz, the SGRY. These schemes are constantly reviewed to improve their content and implementation modalities on the basis of feedback from the concerned Agencies.