

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:223
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2003
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN RURAL AREAS
SAVSHIBHAI MAKWANA

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government have introduced Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana and Gramin Rozgar Srijan Karyakram to provide employment opportunities in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have also introduced any other scheme in addition to aforesaid schemes for generating the employment opportunities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether any targets were fixed for generating employment opportunities during the last three years and current financial year; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the achievements in regard thereto, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANDESH GAUTAM)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 223 TO B ANSWERED ON 05.08.2003

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), however aims to create employment opportunities both in the rural as well as in the urban areas of the country while the Grameen Rozgar Srijan Karyakaram also known as Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) aims to create employment opportunities in the rural areas and in the urban areas where the population does not exceed 20,000. The State-wise details of employment generated under the PMRY and the REGP since inception of the Schemes is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): The other major Schemes of employment generation of the Central Government in rural areas are the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and the Sampurna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) under the Ministry of Rural Development. The SGSY aims to bring assisted poor families (Swarozgaris) above the Poverty Line by providing them income-generating assets through a mix of Bank Credit and Government Subsidy. Under the SGRY the objective is to provide additional gainful employment with food security.

(e) & (f): The State-wise details of targets of employment generation and achievements during the last three years i.e. 2000-01, 2001-02 & 2002-03 and the target for the current year i.e. 2003-04 under the PMRY are at Annexure-II. The State-wise details of employment generated under the REGP during the last three years i.e. 2000-01, 2001-02 & 2002-03 and the target for 2003-04 are at Annexure-III. No State-wise target have been fixed under SGSY and SGRY, as intimated by the Ministry of Rural Development.