

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES FOR POORS  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of schemes being implemented all over the country by the Central Government to improve the condition of poors;
- (b) whether poverty has alleviated in the country on account of implementation of the said schemes; and
- (c) if so, the extent thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION( KUMARI SELJA )

(a): In so far as the Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is concerned, it has been implementing through the State/Union Territory Governments, a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, with effect from 01.12.1997 with a view to providing gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have studied upto 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. In addition, other programmes, such as, Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY), National Slum Development Programme (NSDP), Housing for Economically Weaker Sections are being vigorously implemented with a view to ameliorate the conditions of the urban poor.

(b)&(c): Based on the reports received from the State/Union Territory Governments for the period upto March 2004, under SJSRY, 613982 micro enterprises have been set up by the urban poor, skill training has been imparted to 609575 persons and 490.84 lakh mandays of work has been generated for them in the country. Under VAMBAY, 2,46,035 Dwelling units and 29,263 community toilet seats have been provided to the urban poor residing in slums. Under NSDP, 3.72 crore slum dwellers have benefited to whom basic infrastructure facilities like water supply, sanitation, community bath, community latrines, street light and widening and paving of existing lanes have been provided. In view of the vigorous efforts by the Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation, in the implementation of these schemes, the urban poor have benefited to a large extent.