

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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GUIDELINES FOR SHG UNDER SGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the guidelines of Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana(SGSY), each Self Help group(SHG) should assist at least 10 persons belonging to families below poverty line; and

(b) if so, the number of SHGs formed under the Scheme during the last three years along with total number of Swarozgaries assisted by the SHGs, year- wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a)&(b) As per the SGSY guidelines, generally a self-help group may consist of 10 to 20 persons. However, in difficult areas like deserts, hills and areas with scattered and sparse population and in case of minor irrigation and disabled persons, this number may be from 5-20. The difficult areas have to be identified by the State Level SGSY committee and the above relaxation in membership will be permitted only in such areas. The number of Self Help Groups (SHGs) formed under the scheme during the last three years (2002-03 to 2004-05) along with total number of SHGs swarozgaries assisted is given below:-

Item	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
(Prov. up to Feb., 2005)			

Self Help Groups (SHGs) formed(Nos.)	398873	391966	214539
SHGs Swarozgaries assisted (Nos.)	414419	576639	594281