

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SELECTION OF DISTRICTS UNDER SGSY  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the steps taken by the Government in implementing Inter-Ministerial Group recommendations for launching pilot programme under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana for unemployed youth in rural areas for 2005-07;
- (b) the name of districts selected for launching the programme in the 1st and 2nd phase; and
- (c) the amount allocated for the project for the year 2005-06?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) had recommended that a demand-driven skill development programme may be designed to equip the unemployed rural youths from the Below Poverty Line (BPL) households with marketable skills which would enable them to either secure placement in the organized establishments or secure sustainable self-employment through micro enterprise. Subsequent to the recommendations of IMG, the Government decided to launch a pilot programme for skill development under SGSY for the unemployed youths from BPL families in the rural areas. The guidelines of the pilot scheme has been issued and circulated to the states.

During the pilot phase of the scheme (2005-2007) it is proposed to cover at least 1000-2000 rural youth per year in 100 selected districts. These pilot projects would be funded as Special Projects under SGSY, with the same pattern of assistance (75:25) applied mutatis mutandis to the training programme. So far no such special projects have been received from the State Governments.