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TRAINING TO UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the latest position of the scheme regarding imparting training to one crore unemployed people in the rural areas;
- (b) whether any meetings have been held of the Committee which has been constituted for this purpose;
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken to boost the matter?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) An 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 skill 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 Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (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.