

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TARGET UNDER PMRY
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): whether sponsoring of a much larger number of applicants than the actual target under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana has led to dissatisfaction amongst the intended beneficiaries;
- (b): if so, the details thereof and the norms fixed for the purpose;
- (c): the action taken by the Government to achieve the target each year;
- (d): whether the apathy of the participating Banks is the main contributory factor for continued poor performance under District Credit Plan and other welfare scheme; and
- (e): if so, the action taken to improve the situation and achieve the targets?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): The Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) is implemented through the District Industries Centres (DICs) of the States/Union Territories (UTs) and banks, in the rural areas as well as urban areas. The PMRY norms provide for sponsoring of applications numbering 125 per cent of the targets. However, in practice, many DICs do sponsor more applications

(c): The primary responsibility of implementing the PMRY in accordance with the norms of the Yojana thus lies with the State/Union Territory Governments. The steps taken by the Central Government to see that the Yojana is implemented according to the norms in achieving the targets include instructions to States/banks for monthly monitoring of progress as per the 'Quarterly Schedule' prescribed by the Central Government for sponsoring and sanctioning of applications, advice to hold regular meetings of the District Task Force on sponsoring of prima-facie eligible applications, regularly convening meetings of the Block Level Task Force Committee and ensuring participation of banks in such meetings, instructions to banks to dispose of applications for loans up to Rs. 2 lakh within four weeks provided the loan applications are complete in all respects, etc.

(d)&(e): While it cannot be stated that the banks are apathetic to satisfactory implementation of the PMRY, the actual performance of the banks in some Districts/States is not always satisfactory. The Government has set up an inter-Ministerial Group to review the PMRY and make recommendations for improving its efficacy. The information regarding District Credit Plan is not maintained at the central level. However, credit flow under the PMRY has increased from Rs. 1198 crore in 2002-03 to Rs. 1471 crore in 2004-05.