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PILOT PROGRAMME 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 names of the districts selected for launching the programme in the first and second phase, State-wise; and
- (c) the amount allocated for the programme for the year 2005-06, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) 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 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 Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for the unemployed youths from BPL families in the rural areas. The guidelines of the pilot scheme have been issued and circulated to the states.

During the pilot phase of the scheme, it is proposed to cover at least 1000-2000 rural youth per year in 100 districts. These pilot projects are to be funded as Special Projects under SGSY, with the same pattern of assistance (75:25) applied mutatis mutandis to the training programme under SGSY and no separate year-wise or state-wise allocation of funds is made for the purpose. So far no such pilot projects have been sanctioned.