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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

he details of proposed schemes formulated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Planning Commission to generate employment opportunities in all the sectors of Economy including Agriculture during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

Various development schemes with employment potential are implemented by the Government in all the sectors of economy. Some of these schemes include Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, District Primary Education Programme, Mid-Day-Meal, National Rural Health Mission, National Mission on Sanitation, National Urban Renewal Mission, Bharat Nirman Scheme to build Rural Infrastructure, Schemes for Women Self Help Groups like Swyamsidha, Swa-shakti, Rashtriya Mahila Kosh etc., Integrated Child Development Services, Up-gradation of Industrial Training Institutes to Centres of Excellence, National Child Labour Project, National Rail Vikas Yojana, National Highway Development Project, Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North-Eastern-Region, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Schemes for Khadi and Village Industries, Capacity Building of Tourism Service Providers, Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits and Product Infrastructure and Destination Development for Tourism.

The schemes which are primarily for poverty alleviation and employment generation are Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana and Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana for rural areas, Swarn Jayanti Sahari Rozgar Yojana for urban areas, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for educated unemployed and Rural Employment Generation Programme for setting up rural industries

The Government has enacted National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) in September, 2005. The Act guarantees 100 days of employment in a financial year to any rural household whose adult members are willing to do unskilled manual work. The Act will cover the whole country within five years. Two hundred districts have been identified for implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) in the first phase.

For agricultural development, thrust areas in the Tenth Five Year Plan are for utilization of waste land, watershed development, rain water harvesting, development of irrigation especially micro irrigation, diversification to high value crops, seed and planting material production, agri-clinics/agri-business centres, increasing cropping intensity, promotion of organic farming, dairy, poultry, fisheries etc.

National Horticultural Mission has been launched in 2005-06 for agricultural diversification into horticultural crops to increase income of the farmers.

So far over 537 Krishi Vigyan Kendras have been established to disseminate farm technology to farmers and provide training to increase agricultural productivity.