

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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RURAL HAATS UNDER SGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides financial assistance under Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for setting up of Rural Haats;
- (b) if so, the criteria for providing assistance under the scheme as well as funds provided to various States including Maharashtra during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the names of places selected for setting up rural haats in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide such assistance directly to Gram Panchayats; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (e) : Yes, Madam. Under the erstwhile scheme of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), there was a sub- component to set up Rural Haats for marketing the products of rural artisans. The scheme envisaged funding support for creating infrastructure for three village level haats per district, one district level haat and one state level haat. The selection of village, district and state level haats is done by the States concerned. Status of fund released to various States on account of Village Haats, including Maharashtra is given in Annexure. SGSY has been restructured as National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and the Ministry has discontinued direct funding of rural haats since 2013-14.