

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

With a view to having effective supervision, monitoring, and implementation of the schemes of poverty alleviation the Directorate of Rural Development started functioning from November, 1983. The Directorate is supervising and monitoring the DRDA in the formulation and implementation of the poverty alleviation programmes. The poverty alleviation schemes are being funded fully by the Government of India as the Schemes are being treated as Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

The following poverty alleviation schemes are being monitored and supervised by the Department of Rural Development.

Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (Sgsy):

Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) launched from April 1999, is a holistic programme covering all aspects of self employment such as organization of the poor into Self Help Groups, training, credit, technology, infrastructure and marketing.

The objective of the SGSY is to bring the assisted poor families (Swarozgaries) above the poverty line in three years by providing them income generating assets through a mix of bank credit and government subsidy. The efforts are to cover about 30% of the poor families in each block during the first five years in activities such as Cane and Bamboo, Duckery, Carpentry, Fishing, Pickle Making, Canteen, Auto rickshaw, Goatry, Mobile shop, Papad making, Mini Bus/ Truck, Tractor for transport, Tailoring, and Embroidery, Piggery, Diary farming, Hollow block manufacturing and Engine Dingy. Under the Scheme during the year 38 SHGs will be formed and 290 individuals will be given financial assistance. Efforts are being made to achieve the target before the end of the financial year.

Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (Sgry)

The Primary objective of the scheme is to provide additional wage employment in all rural areas and thereby provide food security and improve nutritional levels.

The SGRY will be open to all rural poor who are in need of wage employment and desire to do manual and unskilled work in and around their village/habitat. Preference is being given to agricultural wage earners, nonagricultural unskilled wage earners, marginal farmers, women, members of Scheduled Castes/Schedule Tribes and parents of child labour withdrawn from hazardous occupations, parents of handicapped children or adult children of handicapped parents who are desirous of working for wage employment.

Under this scheme 60000 mandays has been fixed as target for the year 2003-2004. Out of this 21826 mandays has been generated up to July 2003. An amount of Rs.12.77 lakhs has been spent and a quantity of 162.3 MT food grains have also been distributed up to July, 2002.

Indira Awaas Yojana (Lay)

The primary objective of the scheme is to provide houses to members of SC/ST, freed bonded labourers in rural areas and also to non-SC/ST, rural poor below the poverty line free of cost. In this UT Rs. 22,000/- are provided to beneficiary for construction of house in minimum plinth area of 20 sq. mtr. and Rs. 10,000/- in case of upgradation of kutcha house to pucca house.

Under this scheme 520 houses will be constructed and 347 houses upgraded during the year 2003-2004 and all efforts are being made to achieve the target before the closure of the financial year.

Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (Pmgy): -

(a) Rural shelter :- In rural shelter DRDAs/Zilla Parishad decides the number of houses to be constructed Panchayat-wise and intimates to the Gram Panchayats. Thereafter the Gram Sabha selects the beneficiaries from the people who are living below the poverty line in the rural areas belonging to SC/ST, freed bonded labourers and non-SC/ST categories. The ceiling of construction assistance under the scheme is Rs.22,000/- per unit and for conservation of unserviceable kutcha houses into pucca houses the maximum assistance will be limited to Rs.10,000/-. Under the scheme 624 new houses will be constructed and 117 kutcha houses will be upgraded into pucca houses. Of these 17 new houses have been constructed and 8 kutcha houses have been upgraded up to July 2003.