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Assistance for Rural Unemployed Youths in U.P.

5619. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant financial assistance to the unemployed youths to provide them self-employment opportunities in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the total funds allocated and released for the same during the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) Financial assistance in the form of subsidy and bank credit is provided for self-employment of persons belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in all rural areas including those of Uttar Pradesh under the on-going Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY). SGSY was launched w.e.f. 1.4.1999. Before that such assistance were provided under the erstwhile Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP).

(b) Details are given in the annexed Statement.

Statement

Year-wise funds allocated and released under IRDP & SGSY during the last five years to Uttar Pradesh

(Rs. in lakhs)					
Sl. No.	Year	Erstwhile IRDP		SGSY	
		Central Allocation	Central Release	Central Allocation	Central Release
1.	1995-96	10158.25	11610.46	-	-
2.	1996-97	10158.25	11011.03	-	-
3.	1997-98	10494.33	10077.72	-	-
4.	1998-99	13941.61	13889.50	-	-
5.	1999-2000	-	-	22422.38	14509.84*

*This includes an amount of Rs. 1171.88 lakhs released towards 1st instalment for taking up three Special Projects.