

Unemployment in Rural Areas

1711. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the unemployment problem in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far to implement the National Rural Employment Programme in rural areas of Rajasthan to solve the problem; and

(c) the details of the funds provided to Rajasthan during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India has laid down the guidelines for imple-

mentation of National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) in the State and monitors the Programme very closely through Monthly, Bi-Monthly, Quarterly and Annual Reports. The Targets and achievements of the employment generation in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years are as under:

	(Lakh Mandays)	
	Target	Achievement
1984-85	61.10	97.72
1985-86	45.00	497.86
1986-87	352.00	929.63

(c) For the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87, the resources provided to the State as Central assistance are as given below:

Year	Cash Funds (Rs. in lakhs)	Quantity of Addl. Food- grains (MTs)	Value of foodgrains (Rs. in lakhs)	Total (Rs. in lakh)
1984-85	775.00	775.00
1985-86	1300.00	198000	2970.00	4270.00
1986-87	1428.00	238800	3582.00	5010.00

Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas

1712. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of the programme called "Development of women and children in rural areas";

(b) what is the amount of funds allocated to Rajasthan under the above programme, district-wise; and

(c) what are the names of the agencies which has been set up to monitor the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI):

(a) Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas was started in 1982-83 as a sub-scheme of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) with the objective of providing income generating opportunities to women members of

identified families on self-sustaining basis. For this purpose, a group approach has been adopted whereby groups of 15-20 women are formed to take up economic activities suited to their skills and aptitude.

The Scheme was started as a pilot project in 50 districts during Sixth Plan. The women of identified families are provided necessary training for undertaking the activity under the scheme of Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment. Thereafter, the asset is provided to the group members under the IRD programme. It was extended to one district each in six Union Territories during 1985-86, to another 24 districts in the States in 1986-87 and further 26 districts in 1987-88.

An important component of this programme is provision of multipurpose community centres which are intended to serve as a central place where women can meet and carry on their economic activities. Funds for construction of these centres are provided from the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme.

Apart from the implementation of the programme through Governmental agencies, funds are also given to voluntary organisations for taking up projects intended for economic upliftment of rural women, through the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology.

(b) In Rajasthan, the programme was started in four districts during the Sixth Plan. Under the scheme of phased expansion of programme, two more districts were covered, one each during 1986-87 and 1987-88. A statement showing district-wise release of funds to Rajasthan is attached. (See below)

(c) The programme is implemented by State Governments through the District Rural Development Agencies. They also monitor the progress of the programme. The progress is also monitored by Government of India through monthly and quarterly returns.

Statement

District-wise release of funds to Rajasthan under Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (Government of India and UNICEF Share)

Sl. No.	Name of District	Commencement year of programme	Funds released till date (Rs.)
1.	Banswara	1983-84	10,99,510.00
2.	Pali	1983-84	7,57,734
3.	Bhilwara	1983-84	20,64,716
4.	Alwar	1983-84	20,44,557
5.	Jodhpur	1986-87	10,10,000
6.	Tonk	1987-88	10,10,000
	TOTAL		79,86,517