

Pradhan Mantri Swarojgar Yojana

†386. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pradhanmantri Swarojgar Yojana run for providing self employment to educated unemployed persons has been stopped, if so, the reasons therefor and its annual target;

(b) whether any other self employment scheme has been commenced; if so, its details and the annual target;

(c) whether the target of new scheme is also similar to that of the earlier scheme; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government is contemplating or will contemplate to commence any new scheme similar to the Pradhanmantri Swarojgar Yojana which will be helpful to provide self employment for unemployed persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY):

(a) There is no scheme by the name of Pradhan Mantri Swarojgar Yojana; however, there was a scheme by the name of Prime Minister Rojgar Yojana (PMRY), which was implemented by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) till 2007-08. The scheme (PMRY) was discontinued and merged with Rural Employment Generation Programme and a new scheme namely Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) was launched in 2008.

PMRY was in operation till 2007-08 only in the Eleventh Five Year Plan period and 2.80 lakh beneficiaries have been assisted against the target of 2.75lakh beneficiaries during the year under the scheme.

(b) Yes Sir.

The new scheme, namely, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) was launched in August, 2008. The scheme covers both manufacturing and service sector enterprises. The entrepreneurs can avail margin money assistance from Khadi & Village Industries Commission and loans from any public sectors scheduled commercial banks. The rate of subsidy on the project cost is to the tune of 15% for urban and 25% for rural areas in respect of general category beneficiaries and 25% for urban, 35% for rural areas in respect of special category beneficiaries (including SC/ ST/ OBC/ Minority/ Women/ Physically handicapped/ Ex serviceman/ NER / Hill and Border areas, etc.).

The target of employment generation opportunities in PMEGP for the year 2008-09 was 616937 persons and for the year 2009-10 is 7,40,000 persons.

(c) The new scheme namely, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), is a vastly improved scheme as compared to Prime Minister Rojgar Yojana in terms of investment limit, subsidy component, amount of loan admissible, etc.

(d) No, Sir.

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