

(c) whether there would be an additional assistance for the projects acting cost over-run issues?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (DR. GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) Central Government does not give financial assistance for procurement of land required for housing projects.

(b) and (c) No Sir. Central Government support is limited to a unit cost of Rs. 5.00 lakh in towns above 5 lakh population and to Rs. 4.00 lakhs in town below 5 lakh population. Project cost above these limits and escalation if any is to be borne by the State Government.

#### **Status of urban employment in the country**

2850. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) the present status of urban unemployment in the country;
- (b) the steps that have been taken to provide urban employment; and
- (c) the number of schemes implemented during the last five years and the impact of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (DR. GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) The unemployment rates (UR) according to usual status (ps+ss) as obtained from NSS 68th round (survey period: July 2011-June 2012) for different categories of persons in urban areas of the country are as follows:

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Category of persons	Male	Female	Person
Unemployment rate	30	52	34

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(per 1000 persons in the labour force)

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(b) and (c) The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation since 1997 has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) through the State/UT Governments. The Scheme aimed at providing gainful employment to the urban unemployed and under-

employed poor by encouraging setting up of self employment ventures by the urban poor, skills training and through providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

A total of 8,44,459 beneficiaries have been assisted for setting up of micro-enterprises (Individual and Group) and 16,42,122 persons have been skill trained under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) during last five years.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has launched the National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) in the Twelfth Five Year Plan *w.e.f.* 24th September, 2013 by replacing the existing scheme of SJSRY. The NULM will focus on organizing urban poor in self help groups, creating opportunities for skill development leading to market-based employment and helping them "to set up self-employment ventures by ensuring easy access to credit.

#### **Sanitation facilities in the country**

2851. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to a World Bank report, more than 50 percent of Indian households do not have toilets/latrines;
- (b) if so, the details of the report and the comments of Government thereof; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to provide 100 per cent toilets to the people in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (DR. GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) Yes, Sir.

A report of World Bank titled *i.e.* "Effects of Early Life Exposure to Sanitation on Childhood Cognitive Skills: Evidence from India's Total Sanitation Campaign" by Dean Spears and Sneha Lamba has pointed out that Over 600 million people in India- 53% of Indian households defecate in the open, without using a toilet or latrine, citing a UNICEF and WHO 2012 study "Progress on Drinking Water and Sanitation 2012 update".