

receipt of his application seeking employment or from the date of which the employment has been sought in the case of an advance application, whichever is later, he shall be entitled to a daily unemployment allowance.

Section 7(2) of the Act envisages that subject to such terms and conditions of eligibility as may be prescribed by the State Government and subject the provision of the Act and the Schemes and the economic capacity of the State Government, the unemployment allowance payable shall be paid to the applicants of the household subject to the entitlement of the household at such rate as may be specified by the State Government, by notification, in consultation with the State Council. However, no such rate shall be less than one-fourth of the wage rate for the first thirty days during the financial year and nor less than one-half of the wage rate for the remaining period of the financial year.

It is the responsibility of each State Government to determine the rate of unemployment allowance and pay the same to the eligible applicants.

#### **Funds for rural development in West Bengal**

1569. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total funds allotted to West Bengal under rural development schemes for the last three years;
- (b) the total funds allotted specifically to Darjeeling district under rural development schemes for the last three years; and
- (c) the details of utilization of the said funds, scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) to (c) The details of funds allotted to the State of West Bengal and specifically to Darjeeling district of West Bengal under various rural development schemes under Department of Rural Development and utilization of such funds for the last three years are as under:-

1. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS): MGNREGS is a demand driven wage employment programme, under which at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial

year is provided to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Hence no States/ UTs/ District-wise, allocation of funds, including with respect to West Bengal, is made. However, the details of funds released to the State of West Bengal during the last three years under MGNREGS are given below:-

(₹ in lakh)

Scheme	Funds Released	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
MGNREGS	West Bengal	592702.9	35838.4	845821.3

The details of expenditure/utilization of funds in the state of West Bengal are as follows:-

(₹ in lakh)

Scheme	Expenditure/Utilization*	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
MGNREGS	West Bengal	802445.8	805557.6	749953.4
	Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council	11080.9	17983.9	17569.0

(\* Includes State share/unspent balances)

- Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM): DAY-NRLM aims to reduce poverty by organizing the rural poor women into Self Help Groups (SHGs) and continuously nurturing and supporting them to take economic activities till they attain appreciable increase in income over a period of time. The details of Funds Allocated to the State of West Bengal & Darjeeling District during the last three years under DAY-NRLM are given below:

(₹ in lakh)

Scheme	Allocation of Funds	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
DAY-NRLM	West Bengal	40172.64	34963.78	38807.85
	Darjeeling District	973.80	1845.80	1733.59

The details of utilization of funds allocated to the state of West Bengal & Darjeeling District are as follows :-

(₹ in lakh)

Scheme	Utilization of Funds*	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
DAY-NRLM	West Bengal	36009.06	34498.93	45090.87
	Darjeeling District	746.26	1300.25	1631.59

(\* Includes State share/unspent balances)

- Deen Dayal Upadhyaya - Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) & Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs): Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) is a placement linked skill development programme for wage employment. Skill development through Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) is also undertaken which enables a trainee to take Bank credit and start his/ her own Micro-enterprise. Both DDU-GKY and RSETI Schemes are demand driven schemes and funds are allocated to States as per demands against approved Action Plans. However, there is no allocation of funds district-wise under both the schemes. The funds released to West Bengal under DDU-GKY and RSETI during the last five years is given below:-

(₹ in crore)

Scheme	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
DDU-GKY	0.0	58.69	112.48
RSETI	2.01	1.14	1.13

The details of utilization of funds allocated in West Bengal is as follows -

(₹ in crore)

Scheme*	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
DDU-GKY	72.14	50.29	65.71
RSETI	1.33	0.29	2.17

(\* Includes State share/unspent balances)

4. Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G): PMAY-G aims to provide a pucca house with basic amenities to all rural houseless households and households living in kutcha and dilapidated houses in rural areas by 2022. The details of funds allocated to the State of West Bengal & Darjeeling District during the last three years under PMAY-G are given below:-

(₹ in crore)

Scheme	Allocation of Funds	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G)	West Bengal	2805.2	4441.8	7908.6
	Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council	0	31.9	19.00

The details of utilization of funds allocated to the state of West Bengal & Darjeeling District is as follows: -

(₹ in crore)

Scheme	Utilization of Funds*	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
PMAY-G	West Bengal	7972.2	7763.8	8845.4
	Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council	0.2	10.0	21.1

(\* includes State Share/unspent balances)

5. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY): PMGSY was launched in the year 2000 as a measure towards alleviation of poverty in rural areas by providing access to basic services to the rural population by providing them good quality roads. PMGSY has helped in better access of market place for the rural masses and generate employments in various forms. The details of Funds Allocated to the State of West Bengal & Darjeeling District during the last three years under PMGSY are given below:-

(₹ in crore)

Scheme	Allocation of Funds	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
PMGSY	Allocation to West Bengal	990.39	1381.77	231.28
	Allocation to Darjeeling District	18.78	157.79	123.97

The details of utilization of funds allocated to the state of West Bengal & Darjeeling District is as follows-

(₹ in crore)

Scheme	Utilization of Funds*	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
PMGSY	West Bengal	1253.13	2058.28	1512.52
	Darjeeling District	16.68	152.86	122.86

(\*includes State Share/unspent balances)

6. National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP): NSAP is a social welfare programme for the aged, widows and disabled and it also provides one time lump sum assistance to the head of the family belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) whose primary breadwinner dies. It is 100% centrally funded Central Sponsored Scheme (CSS) implemented in the entire country including rural and remote areas. State/ UT- wise funds are released under NSAP schemes in two six monthly installments. The district-wise fund is not allocated under NSAP. The details of funds released to West Bengal during last three years are as under:-

(₹ in lakh)

Scheme	Release of Funds	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
NSAP	Fund release to West Bengal	57939.11	59551.87	85595.60

The details of funds utilized by West Bengal is as under :-

(₹ in lakh)

Scheme	Utilization of Funds*	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
NSAP	West Bengal	70405.57	72030.04	62415.97

(\* includes unspent balances)

7. Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM): SPMRM is a unique programme, designed to deliver catalytic interventions to rural areas on the threshold of growth. 300 Rurban Clusters with thematic economic growth points, are being developed across the country under this Mission. Under

SPMRM, there is no provision of States/ UTs wise fund allocation. However, the funds are being released to States/ UTs based on demands after fulfilling certain fund release condition of the Mission. Under the Mission there is no cluster allocated under Darjeeling district. Hence, no fund has been released to the Darjeeling district under the Mission. The year wise fund released to the State of West Bengal under the mission is as follows:-

(₹ in crore)

Scheme	Release of Funds	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
SPMRM	Fund release to West Bengal	0.40	0.00	0.00

As per RurbanSoft, no expenditure has been incurred by the state under SPMRM during the last three years.

8. Training through State Institutes for Rural Development (SIRDs): Under Management Support for Rural Development Programme (MSRDP) Scheme, funds are provided to SIRDs. In Darjeeling, no funds have been released as there is no SIRD in the district. The year wise fund released to the State of West Bengal under this scheme is as follows:-

(₹ in lakh)

Scheme	Allocation of Funds	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
MSRDP	Allocation to West Bengal	200.09	0.00	26.61

The details of utilization of funds allocated to the state of West Bengal is as follows :-

(₹ in lakh)

Scheme	Utilization of Funds	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
MSRDP	West Bengal	200.09	0.00	26.61

#### **PMGSY in Darjeeling hills district**

1570. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of roads identified for development under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Darjeeling Hills district, in particular, and other districts of West Bengal, in general;