

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3295
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/03/2023

ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMMES IN RURAL INDIA

3295 SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) details of empowering youth entrepreneurship programmes in rural India;
- (b) steps taken to improve the standards of living in rural India;
- (c) whether funds were allotted for the said programs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) is implementing Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI) scheme as a sub-scheme of National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). RSETI is a Bank lead, MoRD funded training institution established by the Sponsor Banks in their lead Districts to impart skill and entrepreneurship development training to rural poor youth free of cost. Any unemployed youth in the age group of 18-45 years having an aptitude to take up self-employment or wage employment and having some basic knowledge in the related field can undergo training at RSETI. While thrust of RSETI training is to promote self-employment of rural poor, some of the trained candidates may also seek regular salaried jobs/wage employment.

Presently, there are 590 RSETIs functioning in 572 districts across the country. The entrepreneurship development programmes (EDPs) / skill development training courses run by the RSETIs are as per the local demands of Agriculture, its allied activities and Small business, trading, etc.

Under the RSETI scheme 44,42,205 candidates have been trained and 31,54,095 candidates have been settled up to 28.02.2023 since inception.

(b) Hand-holding support is provided to RSETI trained candidates to enable them to commence their own mini-enterprise either with the bank finance or otherwise. These entrepreneurs are also provided space in SARAS mela etc. to showcase and sell their products. The settlement rate of RSETI trained candidates is more than 70%. Once they start earning, it contributes to improvement of living standards of their families in rural areas.

(c) & (d) The details of the funds allocated and released under RSETI programme since 2014-15 till 2022-23 are given below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)			
FY	BE Total	RE Total	Release
2014-15	5500.00	3534.00	3189.00
2015-16	4000.00	5207.00	5207.00
2016-17	10000.00	10500.00	10178.93
2017-18	10000.00	6500.00	5574.87
2018-19	10000.00	6784.59	6784.59
2019-20	10002.00	6185.06	6183.96
2020-21	10000.00	11338.62	11338.43
2021-22	15000.00	9219.54	9031.03
2022-23	25000.00	23708.00	11236.38*
Total	122589.00	82976.81	68724.19*

* Status as on 28.02.2023.
