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REDUCTION IN ALLOCATION FOR RURAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

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Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of rural employment schemes presently implemented by the Central Government in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that budgetary allocations to the schemes have been cut down during the last few years in comparison to initial years of launching of the schemes; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (c) : The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) which guarantees upto 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. This programme was initially launched in 200 selected districts in February, 2006 and subsequently extended to all the rural districts of the country. During 2006-07 an allocation of Rs 11300 crore (BE) was made and the allocation for 2012-13 and 2013-14 was raised to Rs 33000 crore (BE) each year. The allocation for 2014-15 was Rs. 34,000 crore and the allocation for 2015-16 is Rs 34699 crore (BE). There has been no reduction in the budget allocation under this programme.

The Ministry is also implementing another programme named National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) which was launched in 2011 after restructuring the existing self employment programme Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY). NRLM focuses to tackle the problem of unemployment, especially among women, in the rural areas. NRLM provides for training and capacity building of interested members to take up micro enterprises for enhancing their incomes. The Ministry also implements a placement linked skill development programme Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana, a sub scheme of NRLM, for

skilling of rural poor youth including women to improve their employability. In 2011-12 an allocation of Rs 2914 crore (BE) was made for this programme which was enhanced to Rs 4000 crore (BE) in 2013-14, however for 2015-16 an amount of Rs 2505 crore (BE) has been allocated. The reduction in allocation is mainly on account of transfer of unspent balance of SGSY funds to NRLM and secondly this programme being in a transitional phase the States took time to comply with the prerequisite conditions like dedicated implementation structure at different levels.
