GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2940 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2015

SAMARTHYA PORTAL UNDER MGNREGS

2940. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI: SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently launched "SAMARTHYA" the online learning portal for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) technical staff and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the salient features and the purpose thereof; and
- (c) the manner and extent to which "SAMARTHYA" portal is likely to benefit the staff and workers under MGNREGS?

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. Samarthya technical manual on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) works developed is transformed into online learning portal for the benefit of technical and non-technical functionaries of MGNREGS in the country by providing text and video material on each work. This OLP is expected to ensure flow of knowledge and skill from the brains of MGNREGS field functionaries through the hands of MGNREGS unskilled labourers on to the ground to result in qualitative and sustainable assets with enhanced livelihoods. All the field functionaries like Gram Rozgar Sevak, Technical Assistants, Junior Engineer, Engineering Consultants and others can take this OLP.

The Purpose of Online Learning Portal is-

- To build capacities of technical functionaries
- To learn at own pace pertaining to all technical parameters
- To help in developing qualitative and sustainable assets.
- To monitor the technical skills of the functionaries.
- (c): The technical staff working in the field and in remote areas can also use this on line learning portal for self-learning, so that the assets created under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act are productive of prescribed quality and durability to strengthen the livelihood resource base of the rural poor.
