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RAJYA SABHA
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LOANS TO STREET VENDERS AND HAWKERS.

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- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to provide loans to street vendors, hawkers and other self-employed groups in the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the scheme is aimed at formation of thrift groups; and
- (c) if so, the amount that has been sanctioned during the current year and the number of beneficiaries identified under this scheme, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION

(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): The Government is not implementing any Programme to provide loans exclusively to street vendors and hawkers. However, under the Centrally sponsored scheme called Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), there is a provision for granting subsidy through banks to the urban poor below poverty line for setting up of self-employment ventures either individually or in groups under the component of Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP).

(b): Yes, Sir. The scheme encourages promotion of thrift and credit societies by the target group.

(c): A tentative allocation of Rs.6548.00 lakhs has been earmarked for the USEP Component in the current financial year

(2002-2003). However, funds are yet to be released to the States. A statement showing the State-wise tentative allocation of Central Share in the year 2002-2003 and the number of beneficiaries assisted and the number of thrift and credit societies formed under USEP Component of the scheme so far, is Annexed.

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