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4.1 Wasteful expenditure

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Government of India launched a programme “*Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana* (SJSRY)” with the objectives of addressing urban poverty alleviation through gainful employment to the urban unemployed/underemployed poor by encouraging them to set up self-employment ventures either individually or in a group.

In Sikkim, the programme was implemented by Urban Development and Housing Department (UDHD), Government of Sikkim till September 2010. Thereafter, the implementation of SJSRY was transferred (October 2010) to Gangtok Municipal Corporation (GMC) by UDHD. A fund of ₹ 35.42 lakh was provided (2011-2013) by UDHD for implementation of SJSRY to GMC, of which ₹ 6.16 lakh was incurred by GMC towards construction of wall (₹ 5.97 lakh) and administrative expenses (₹ 0.19 lakh).

Audit analysis revealed that the construction of wall (₹ 5.97 lakh) and administrative expenses (₹ 0.19 lakh) was beyond the ambit of scheme guidelines as it did not help in generating gainful employment.

Thus, expenditure of ₹ 6.16 lakh incurred from SJSRY fund by the GMC did not result in providing employment security to unemployed urban poor as envisaged in the Scheme guidelines and resulted in wasteful expenditure.

The matter was reported to the Municipal Corporation/Government (October 2014); reply was awaited (May 2015).



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