



Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan introduces the “Viksit Bharat – G Ram G Bill” in the Lok Sabha

“We are committed to the welfare of the poor and the overall development of villages, something which Mahatma Gandhi also said” - Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan

“Respected Bapu (Mahatma Gandhi) used to say Ram Rajya. Shri Ram resides in every vein in our body, Shri Ram is in our every breath”: Shri Shivraj Singh

“The Bill guarantees 125 days of wage employment to rural families,” Shri Shivraj Singh said

“Several schemes for the welfare of the poor are being run by the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji”: Shri Shivraj Chouhan

“Efforts will be made to establish balance between agriculture and labour:” Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan

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Union Minister for Rural Development, and Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan today introduced the Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) or VB–G RAM G Bill, 2025, in the Lok Sabha. Under this, a statutory guarantee of 125 days of wage employment will be provided every year. Shri Shivraj Singh said in Parliament that it is their resolve to ensure welfare of the poor and they have striven to fulfill that resolve. The Bill proposes not only the welfare of the poor but also the comprehensive development of villages, reflecting Mahatma Gandhi’s vision of a complete, self-reliant, and developed village. Moreover, the central government has committed to spending over ₹95,000 crore on this initiative.



Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh said that many employment schemes have existed before in India, one such being the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana. Later, the Congress renamed the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana. “So, does that mean disrespect to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru?” Shri Shivraj Singh asked. He added that budget allocations for the welfare of the poor have often been uneven, leaving many panchayats underdeveloped. Therefore, the Bill includes provisions to grade panchayats and assign more work to those that are less developed and underperforming.

Shri Shivraj Singh said that Mahatma Gandhi resides in our hearts, and his and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya’s resolve was to prioritise the welfare of the most backward and downtrodden people in the society. The government, led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, is operating several welfare schemes for the poor based on the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.

The Union Minister further said that regarding MGNREGA, the Congress and UPA had only started the scheme and spent ₹2,13,220 crore on it, while his government has spent ₹8,53,810 crore on welfare schemes for the poor and has worked to strengthen this scheme. “Why is there still opposition? Instead of the earlier 100-day guarantee, we are now offering a 125-day guarantee. This is not an empty guarantee; a provision of more than ₹1,51,282 crore has been made for this,” he said.



Shri Shivraj Singh added that the new Bill will foster the comprehensive development of villages, and mentioned that when Sharad Pawar was the Union Agriculture Minister, he had expressed concern about the shortage of labour in agriculture. They have tried to address that concern now. Shri Chouhan said Mahatma Gandhi lives in their hearts and they fully respect him. “Bapu himself said Ram Rajya. Ram dwells in every part of us and every breath we take. This country resonates with the existence of Shri

Ram,” he said. For some reason, when the name VB G-RAM-G came up, some people became agitated. Mahatma Gandhi himself spoke about establishing Ram Rajya; his last words were “Hey Ram.” We respect Bapu fully, and establishing Ram Rajya means not physical, divine, or material suffering or rule.

The Union Minister concluded by saying that the Bill is meant to provide abundant employment to every poor person, uphold their dignity, and offer additional protection to the differently-abled, elderly, women, Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes. This Bill will ensure comprehensive development of villages, and work to balance agriculture and labour sectors. Shri Shivraj Singh stated that this Bill aligns with Gandhiji’s sentiments and is aimed at establishing Ram Rajya.

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