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SHGs producing PPE kits for Health professionals

PPE to cost Rs. 700 only

As the World is struggling in its fight against COVID-19, availability of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) kits for health professionals has also become a matter of prime concern, today. In this hour of anxiety, Self Help Groups working under Rural Livelihood Mission have geared up to meet the demand.

Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Virender Kanwar said here today that more than 50 Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the State were preparing masks everyday to give a helping hand in the fight against COVID-19. He said that 2000 women were involved in this task through various SHGs.

He said that about one lakh masks have been provided to various departments and organisations. The task of producing masks was being done on war footing, he added.

He said that 3000 women farmers were being encouraged to develop kitchen gardens by utilizing minimum land, so that fresh vegetables could be produced. He said that about 11 young professionals have been given responsibility for guiding these women farmers and to ensure marketing of their produce, so that they could get fair price.

A SHG in Sirmaur district has successfully prepared a sanitizer, which costs Rupees one hundred per 200 milliliter. He said that stress was being laid to train more SHGs to produce more masks.

Director Rural Development and State Head Livelihood Mission Lalit Jain said that the Personal Protection Equipment kit prepared by SHGs would cost a mere amount of Rs. 700 and three SHGs had been trained so far with a capacity of 100 kits per day, he added.