GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.762 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2015

LINKING OF MGNREGA WITH SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

762. DR. SANJAY SINH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to link the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) to skill development programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) by when it is likely to be implemented;
- (d) whether Government also proposes to train the people in the laying of railway lines, solar energy projects etc. in order to provide employment under MGNREGA; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a)to(c): The Government has formulated a "Project for Livelihoods in Full Employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Project LIFE-MGNREGA)" in April 2015. The project has been formulated in consultation with Deen Dayal Upadhaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojna (DDU-GKY) and National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM).

The Project LIFE-MGNREGA aims at promoting self reliance and improving the skill base of the MGNREGA workers, and thereby improving the livelihood of the MGNREGA workers, so that they can move from current partial employment to full employment. All States have been advised to prepare the plan in this regard.

- (d): No, Sir.
- (e): Does not arise.
