

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.772  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2015

UPGRADING MGNREGA WITH NEW SKILLDRIVE

772. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:  
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to upgrade the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) with new skill drive for better employment opportunities in the country and abroad and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has made estimates of the cost of such upgradation of MGNREGA and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the cost likely to be shared by States in such up gradation?

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

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. 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 State Governments have been advised to prepare the plan in this regard.

An outlay of Rs.350 crore has been kept in Capacity building fund under MGNREGA. The plans for Livelihood up-gradation will be prepared by State Rural Livelihood Mission according to livelihood mapping of the beneficiary households. The skilling for wages and for self-employment, the cost norms of DDU-GKY and Rural Self Employment Training Institutes will be utilized respectively. Besides support from the Centre, the State Governments may converge funds from various Line Departments/Banks etc. for purchase of equipments to carry out their trade.

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