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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 113**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2017

**FOCUSING MGNREGA ON STATES WITH HIGHER POVERTY**

**113. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:**

Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether half of the funds allocated under MGNREGA goes to five States, but only two of them rank high on the poverty list;
- (b) whether hard labour offered by MGNREGA should have greater demand from States with higher degree of poverty;
- (c) whether the Bose panel has recommended that the scheme's focus should be more on poor regions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)**

(a) to (d): The Government is taking all steps to help poor regions in leveraging MGNREGA in a better way. All efforts are made to pragmatically arrive at a realistic labour budget through review of the past performance, by the states and as well as factoring the requirement of the State keeping in view the poverty level. While factoring poverty, the total rural households falling under various deprivation categories and the number of rural land less households dependent upon manual casual labour for livelihood as per SECC, 2011 are taken into consideration. The State with higher incidence of poverty are sanctioned higher labour budget.

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