

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 126**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2017

**BASIC CIVIL ENGINEERING TRAINING TO YOUTH UNDER MGNREGS**

**126. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether Government imparts training to youths in basic civil engineering concepts to supervise the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of youths trained/ proposed to be trained in this regard during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry has started Barefoot Technician Project (BFT). A 'Barefoot Technician' is an educated person identified from the local active MGNREGA worker households/ mates/ Supervisors and specially trained in basic civil engineering concepts using a customised training module so that he acquires required skills for identification and estimation of works, giving mark-out for works in the field and record initial measurement of the work done in the Measurement-Book and support the Technical Assistant. BFTs are provided 90 days of residential training and on completion, assessment is done by Agriculture Skills Council of India. The successful candidates are provided certificate confirming to the National Skill Qualifications Framework, Level-4.

(c): The project has been taken up in 19 state with a total target to train 7759 BFTs. So far, 5280 candidates have been trained. State/UT-wise detail of youths trained as Barefoot technician (BFT) during the last three years is attached at Annexure.

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## Annexure

Sl No.	States	No of BFTs Trained			
		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	-	170	195	365
2	Arunachal Pradesh	-	85	0	85
3	Bihar	-	207	290	497
4	Chhattisgarh	26	99	104	229
5	Gujarat	-	102	38	140
6	Haryana	-	60	0	60
7	Jharkhand	29	329	193	551
8	Karnataka	-	506	0	506
9	Kerala	32	60	33	125
10	Madhya Pradesh	-	913	78	991
11	Manipur	-	35	0	35
12	Meghalaya	-	87	0	87
13	Mizoram	-	0	0	0
14	Odisha	-	0	0	0
15	Punjab	-	30	38	68
16	Telangana	-	0	0	0
17	Rajasthan	143	441	0	584
18	Uttarakhand	-	549	71	620
19	West Bengal	-	177	160	337
	<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>3850</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>5280</b>

Note: Status as on 14-07-2017