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IMPACT OF MGNREGA ON POVERTY AND MIGRATION

1553. SHRI K. K. RAGESH:

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

- (a) whether any studies have been conducted to assess the success of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in addressing poverty and rural to urban migration of people; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Rural Development has been conducting studies from time to time to assess the implementation of MGNREGA. Recently, Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute has conducted a study titled "Impact of Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Programme on Distress Migration: A study of selected States of India" which has been commissioned by National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.

Several other research studies have been conducted on impact of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) on migration. Some of the studies are as under:

1. Das, Upasak (2014), 'Can the Rural employment Guarantee Scheme reduce the short term migration: Evidence from West Bengal, India', paper presented at the International Seminar on MGNREGA at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR).
2. John, Papp and Imbert Clément (2014), Short-term migration and India's Employment Guarantee Scheme. Mumbai: Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research.
3. Shah, V. D. and M. Makwana (2011), Impact of NREGA on wage rates, food security and rural urban migration in Gujarat. Sardar Patel University.
4. Kumar, P., and I. Maruthi, 'Impact of NREGA on Wage Rate, Food Security and Rural Urban Migration in Karnataka', Report submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Bangalore: Agriculture Development and Rural Transformation Centre, Institute for Social and Economic Change, 2011.
