

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 327
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018

MGNREGA MANDAYS IN KARNATAKA

***327. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has set a target of 215 crore mandays under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) this year;
- (b) if so, the reasons for setting a limit of a lower number of mandays as compared to 235 crore mandays in 2016-17, despite of drought conditions in States like Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, etc.;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken any decision to provide additional mandays in drought affected States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, with a particular reference to Karnataka?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 327 for 26.03.2018

(a)&(b): 231.23 crore persondays is the Labour Budget for FY 2017-18. This labour budget is a notional figure which is revised based on quantum of demand on the ground over the year. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is a demand-driven Scheme and there is no target fixed. As on 22.03.2018, 13 States have crossed their estimated labour budget in FY 2017-18.

(c)&(d): The Government approved the provision of additional employment of 50 days over and above 100 days per household under MGNREGS in the drought notified areas. The Ministry has made provisions for additional 50 days in drought affected six States and one UT in FY 2017-18. In FY 2017-18, 50 additional days have been provided in 10 drought affected districts of Karnataka under MGNREGS.