GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3955 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN MGNREGA

3955. SHRI HARIVANSH:

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to increase the participation of women in MGNREGA schemes;
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken in the last one year to enhance employment for women under MGNREGA schemes; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has compiled any data about the number of men and women employed under this programme?

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

(a)to (c): The women participation rate in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has been 55% in FY 2015-16, 56% in FY 2016-17 and 54% in FY 2017-18 (as on 27.03.2018) which has been above the statutory requirement of 1/3rd women participation under MGNREGS.

The Ministry along with the States/UTs has been making all efforts for improving the women participation under the MGNREGS. During Gram Sabha and Rozgar Diwas meetings women participation is being encouraged under MGNREGS. As per Management Information System (MIS) in the current financial year 2017-18 (as on 27.03.2018), 7.45 crore individuals provided wage employment, out of which, 3.81 crore women provided employment under MGNREGS.
