

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 68
ANSWERED ON 26/07/2023

REDUCTION OF MGNREGS BUDGET

68 SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), a budget of ₹98,000 crores was kept during the year 2021-22, but got reduced to ₹60,000 crores during the year 2023-24, if so, the reasons for its reduction;
- (b) the number of workers who have been affected and deprived of work in the country due to this decrease; and
- (c) the amount that has been disbursed, State-wise during last three years and the details of States who have arrears along with reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to Parts (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 68 for 26.07.2023

(a)&(b): The details of financial allocation at Budget Estimate (BE) stage and Revised Estimate (RE) stage under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) for financial years 2021-22 and 2023-24 are given below:

(Rs. in crore)

SI. No.	Financial Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate
1	2021-22	73,000.00	98,000.00
2	2023-24	60,000.00	-

Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is a demand-driven wage employment Scheme. Funds release to States/UTs is a continuous process and Central Government is committed to making funds available to States/UTs for the implementation of the Scheme as per the demand for work on the ground.

The Ministry seeks additional funds under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS from the Ministry of Finance as and when required for meeting the demand for work on the ground.

(c): State/UT-wise details of funds released under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the last three financial years from 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 are given at **Annexure**.

The funds are released under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS based on the provision of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and guidelines. As per guidelines, the first installment of the first tranche is released in the first half of April after adjusting unspent balance available with the States and considering the pending liabilities, if any.

Annexure referred in reply to part (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 68 to be answered on 26.07.2023.

State/UT-wise details of funds released under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the last three financial years from 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 (Rs. in lakh)				
SI. No.	State/UT	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	Andhra Pradesh	1030509.79	718267.16	798909.30
2	Arunachal Pradesh	34027.69	45374.43	57757.99
3	Assam	260233.46	222026.01	205234.84
4	Bihar	728423.57	540736.96	639528.76
5	Chhattisgarh	394347.98	389433.98	338355.40
6	Goa	356.91	3.81	511.53
7	Gujarat	147812.01	161524.32	169207.36
8	Haryana	76355.62	72267.99	37398.62
9	Himachal Pradesh	94833.37	97575.08	115747.62
10	Jammu and Kashmir	115231.99	95013.74	105061.12
11	Jharkhand	342408.42	306382.91	270863.73
12	Karnataka	550099.46	602807.73	622528.20
13	Kerala	428677.68	355193.00	381842.70
14	Madhya Pradesh	908672.51	847908.76	570213.49
15	Maharashtra	160025.70	205645.71	254973.07
16	Manipur	130673.85	56310.74	108663.26
17	Meghalaya	128416.59	112166.07	111691.95
18	Mizoram	59045.38	54891.55	53871.87
19	Nagaland	48382.14	56945.51	89744.90
20	Odisha	521529.26	568015.17	463836.25
21	Punjab	123913.55	125759.36	118213.27
22	Rajasthan	892076.25	986774.85	966299.14
23	Sikkim	11016.55	11241.97	9255.39
24	Tamil Nadu	878881.54	963813.22	970662.48
25	Telangana	411121.10	410519.85	298868.14
26	Tripura	119498.53	98888.29	92203.45
27	Uttar Pradesh	1201410.42	850956.51	1062900.83
28	Uttarakhand	88626.63	64203.24	79284.44
29	West Bengal	1145405.21	750780.15	0.00
30	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	485.89	763.16	960.42
31	Lakshadweep	0.00	30.05	0.00
32	Puducherry	2683.69	1307.28	2494.55
33	Ladakh	2248.57	5904.39	6893.31
34	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.00	0.00	161.87
	Daman & Diu	0.00		
Total		1,10,37,431.31	97,79,432.94	90,04,139.24