

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 785
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25/07/2025

BUDGET ALLOCATION UNDER MGNREGA

785 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total budget allocated, sanctioned and spent, under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) whether budget allocation has met the work demand under the scheme in the last five years, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has sought an increased outlay for the scheme for the next five years until 2029-30, and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)

(a)&(b): The details of funds allocation at Budget Estimate stage, Revised Estimate stage and fund released under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) in the last five years are given below:

(Rs. in crore)

SI. No.	Financial Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Fund released
1	2020-21	61500.00	111500.00	1,11,170.86
2	2021-22	73000.00	98000.00	98,467.85
3	2022-23	73000.00	89400.00	90,810.99
4	2023-24	60000.00	86000.00	89,268.30
5	2024-25	86000.00	86000.00	85,838.76

Since Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is a demand driven wage employment Scheme budgetary outlay is determined based on the anticipated demand for employment in a particular financial year. The Ministry undertakes regular assessments of fund requirements based on demand and 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. Here, it is submitted that in the FY 2025-26 (as on 22.07.2025), 99.79% of the eligible rural households have been offered employment against their demand.

Here, it is also to be noted that for the financial year 2024-25, budget allocation of ₹86,000 crore has been made, which was the highest ever allocation for scheme at the Budget Estimate (BE) stage since inception. In the financial year 2025-26, the Government has retained this allocation at ₹86,000 crore, ensuring continued support for the scheme.

(c): Government of India is committed to strengthening and supporting Mahatma Gandhi NREGS to ensure livelihood security for rural households through sustainable employment opportunities.
