

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 274
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018

PENDING WAGES UNDER MGNREGS

274. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken measures for the timely release of funds for wages to be given to the workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in various States;
- (b) if so, the details of funds sanctioned for giving wages under MGNREGS to various States including Kerala during the last four years;
- (c) the action taken/being taken by the Government to release the pending amount to be given to states like Kerala for providing wages; and
- (d) the pending amount which is to be released to Kerala alone for providing wages?

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b): The Ministry has taken various steps to streamline the process of planning of realistic Labour Budget, timely release of funds, etc. The Ministry has issued guidelines on Labour Budget planning with three checklists to the States/UTs to ensure that the documents prepared and submitted by the State/UTs are in order. With a view to bring in more transparency in the system and to minimize leakages, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system in wage payment has been adopted. State/UT-wise details of expenditure on wages including Kerala under the MGNREGS during the last four years are given at **Annexure**.

(c)&(d): The Ministry releases funds to the States/UTs including Kerala based on the agreed to Labour Budget (LB), opening balance, pending liabilities of the previous year, if any, and overall performance. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is a demand driven wage employment programme and fund release to States/UTs is a continuous process and Central Government is making funds available keeping in view the demand for work.

Annexure referred in reply to parts (a)&(b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 274
dated 19.07.2018

(Rs. in crore)

| No. | State | Expenditure on Wages | | | |
|-----|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | 2017-18 | 2016-17 | 2015-16 | 2014-15 |
| 1 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 3535.73 | 2639.07 | 2624.99 | 1728.33 |
| 2 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 134.69 | 92.09 | 39.41 | 19.54 |
| 3 | ASSAM | 923.53 | 1255.46 | 382.77 | 331.56 |
| 4 | BIHAR | 1761.33 | 1431.80 | 1028.41 | 512.90 |
| 5 | CHHATTISGARH | 1939.91 | 2008.64 | 864.25 | 1242.50 |
| 6 | GOA | 2.32 | 2.94 | 2.15 | 3.39 |
| 7 | GUJARAT | 638.01 | 473.57 | 305.62 | 277.89 |
| 8 | HARYANA | 248.28 | 230.44 | 104.95 | 159.76 |
| 9 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 395.93 | 420.34 | 286.68 | 286.38 |
| 10 | JAMMU AND KASHMIR | 634.61 | 402.86 | 340.74 | 178.57 |
| 11 | JHARKHAND | 997.23 | 1184.39 | 882.80 | 692.42 |
| 12 | KARNATAKA | 2017.97 | 2155.85 | 1120.47 | 986.90 |
| 13 | KERALA | 1632.10 | 2140.76 | 1402.14 | 1497.67 |
| 14 | MADHYA PRADESH | 2721.01 | 2188.56 | 1460.14 | 1809.75 |
| 15 | MAHARASHTRA | 1564.08 | 1336.13 | 1309.33 | 1031.79 |
| 16 | MANIPUR | 114.58 | 233.28 | 144.25 | 174.11 |
| 17 | MEGHALAYA | 724.85 | 511.79 | 184.84 | 210.34 |
| 18 | MIZORAM | 171.62 | 125.44 | 243.24 | 74.11 |
| 19 | NAGALAND | 581.59 | 429.96 | 127.74 | 88.20 |
| 20 | ODISHA | 1733.08 | 1411.05 | 1576.78 | 711.63 |
| 21 | PUNJAB | 512.80 | 440.51 | 227.16 | 151.98 |
| 22 | RAJASTHAN | 3300.49 | 3377.17 | 2498.84 | 2103.85 |
| 23 | SIKKIM | 74.76 | 82.97 | 55.34 | 34.85 |
| 24 | TAMIL NADU | 5341.71 | 4450.38 | 4633.37 | 3120.31 |
| 25 | TELANGANA | 1657.09 | 1467.20 | 1833.99 | 1155.81 |
| 26 | TRIPURA | 307.51 | 755.99 | 919.49 | 691.36 |
| 27 | UTTAR PRADESH | 3193.83 | 3320.47 | 2324.44 | 1959.17 |
| 28 | UTTARAKHAND | 411.41 | 508.91 | 324.54 | 192.29 |
| 29 | WEST BENGAL | 5900.91 | 5658.60 | 3642.83 | 2703.55 |
| 30 | ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | 2.02 | 0.90 | 2.27 | 8.15 |
| 31 | LAKSHADWEEP | 0.13 | NR | 0.08 | 0.22 |
| 32 | PUDUCHERRY | 12.75 | 9.43 | 8.25 | 5.30 |
| | Total | 43187.89 | 40746.95 | 30902.29 | 24144.58 |

NR=Not Reported

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