

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1656
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2018

SHORTAGE OF FUNDS UNDER MGNREGS

**1656. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:
SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:**

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

- (a) whether Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is facing shortage of funds despite the highest ever budgetary allocation this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the allocations made for the Scheme and expenditure incurred thereunder during the last two years; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to deal with the shortage of funds and release the further funds?

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

(a) to (d): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 is a demand driven wage employment programme. Fund release to States/UTs is a continuous process and Central Government is committed in making funds available keeping in view the demand for work. The Ministry of Rural Development has increased the budget provision for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) over the years. During FY 2018-19, Rs 55,000 crore has been allocated for Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. The Ministry releases funds to the States based on the basis of the agreed to Labour Budget, opening balance, pending liabilities of the previous year for the financial year, if any, and overall performance. Details of Central fund released and expenditure by States reported in Management Information System (MIS) under the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the last two years is given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Financial Year	Central fund released	Expenditure by States
2017-18	54,507.16	63,645.18
2016-17	47,824.48	58,062.92

The Ministry seeks additional amount for MGNREGS as and when required for meeting the demand for work on the ground.
