GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 765 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2019

PAYMENT OF WAGES UNDER MGNREGS

765. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether suggestions have been received from various quarters for payment of wages in cash to workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the demand for employment under MGNREGS has come down;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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

- (a): No Madam.
- (b): Does not arise.

(c)to (e): The Labour Budget (persondays) and expenditure under MGNREGA are on an increasing trend. The details of budget allocation and agreed to Labour Budget (persondays) during the last two years and current financial year 2018-19 (as on 04.02.2019) are given below:

(In crore)

Financial Year	Budget	Agreed to
	Allocation (In Rs.)	Labour Budget (persondays)
2016-2017	48,220.26	220.93
2017-2018	55,167.06	231.31
2018-2019 (As on 04.02.2019)	61,084.09	247.16

Source: www.nrega.nic.in