

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1777**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.07.2019

**GROUND WATER RECHARGE WORK UNDER MGNREGS**

1777. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of ground water recharge related works carried out under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme(MGNREGS) during the last three years and ongoing works during this current year in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the total amount allotted and spent under various programmes mentioned above during the last three years;
- (c) the number of works started and works that remained incomplete with respect to the above works in Tamil Nadu along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the incomplete/ongoing works are likely to be completed?

**ANSWER**  
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): As per the Schedule-I of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA), 'Public works relating to Natural Resource Management (NRM): (i) Water conservation and water harvesting structures to augment and improve ground water like underground dykes, earthen dams, stop dams, check dams with special focus on recharging ground water including drinking water sources are permissible activity'. Details of number and expenditure on Water Conservation and Water Harvesting works taken up and completed works under MGNREGA in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current financial year 2019-20 (as on 28.06.2019) are as under:

Financial Year	Works taken up (New + spill over works)		Works completed	
	Physical (in Nos)	Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)	Physical (in Nos)	Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)
2016-17	14222	46808.75	6417	46777.62
2017-18	23408	52304.07	10179	51436.22
2018-19	90194	217621.92	24895	71327.98
2019-20 (as on 28.06.2019)	68349	82474.1	4562	2446.1

MGNREGA is a demand driven wage employment scheme. Hence, no State/UT- wise allocation of fund is made. In the current financial year, 63787 works are ongoing (new plus spill over works) as on 28.06.2019.

(d): The Ministry is in constant engagement with the State Governments/ UTs through review meetings, video conferences for completion of incomplete works.

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