

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3732**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.07.2019

**EXPENDITURE FOR WORKS UNDER MGNREGS**

3732. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India ranks 103rd out of 119 countries on the International Food Policy Research Institute's (IFPRI) 2018 Global Hunger Index (GHI) and is home to the largest number of malnourished people in the world, which counts about one quarter of the global total;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that under MGNREGA, the expenditure in the head of SC persondays for the year 2018-19 is lower than that of the allocation for the FY 2015-16;
- (c) whether the total number of works taken together as new and spill over in 2018-19 is also less than that of the FY 2015-16 and overall utilization percentage in 2018-19 is also less than that of 2015-16; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the proposal to generate more persondays thereby raising the income of the people?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): As per information available in public domain, India's ranking in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) brought out by "Welthungerhilfe and Concern worldwide" is 103.

(b): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is a demand driven programme. The expenditure on Schedule Caste (SC) persondays under MGNREGA is on an increasing trend. The details of expenditure under MGNREGA on SC persondays during the FY 2015-16 and FY 2018-19 are given below:

Financial Year	Approximate Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
2015-16	8075
2018-19	9934

(c) & (d): The total number of works (New plus spill over) in FY 2015-16 was 123.12 lakh which increased to 204.4 lakh works (New plus spill over) under MGNREGA in FY 2018-19. The Government is actively engaged with States/UTs in establishing systems that ensure provision of work as per demand.

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