

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 20/12/2022

LINKING OF PERFORMANCE UNDER PROJECT UNNATI

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Unnati project has launched by the Government in the year 2020 to reduce dependence on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has trained just 25,056 persons against the two lakh target;
- (b) if so, whether Unnati which was slated to end in March 2022, has been extended by two years and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has directed the State Governments to target at least 20 percent of the households that completed 100 days of work under the MGNREGS scheme to bring under Unnati; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to link the performance of the States under the Unnati project with its labour budget for the next financial year and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) & (c) : The project “UNNATI” was launched in December, 2019 but started on the ground in March, 2020. Under the project “UNNATI” the total target for imparting training in span of three financial years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 was 2,00,000 and a total of 27,383 candidates have been trained so far.

(b): The extension in project duration is under consideration.

(d): Under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme the funds are released to the States/UTs on the basis of “agreed to” Labour Budget (LB) and performance of the States/UTs during the financial year. Fund release to the States/UTs is a continuous process and Central Government is committed in making funds available keeping in view the demand for work on the ground.
