

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2298
ANSWERED ON 14/03/2023

DECREASE IN REVISED ESTIMATE UNDER MGNREGS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the budget allocated for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in 2023-24;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that there is a decrease of 32.9 per cent from the revised estimate of 2022-23, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is also aware that the allocated funds are not enough for the rural jobs guaranteed under MGNREGS which is a tool for generation of employment/poverty alleviation in rural India and also in providing a critical lifeline to rural workers, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government is aware that it has been decreased at a time when there is a constant demand of enhancement of per day payment to Rs. 400 for person under the scheme; and if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): Financial allocation of Rs. 60,000 crores has been made for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) for the financial year 2023-24 at Budget Estimate (BE) stage.

(b) to (d): Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is a demand-driven wage employment Scheme and fund release to States/UTs is a continuous process and Central Government is committed to making funds available to States/Uts for the implementation of the Scheme as per the demand for work on the ground. The Ministry seeks additional funds under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS from the Ministry of Finance as and when required for meeting the demand for work on the ground.
