

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 699
ANSWERED ON 07/02/2023

WOMEN PARTICIPATION UNDER MGNREGS

699. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the participation of women in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has come down to its five year low level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether as per the provisions of MGNREGS the women should be given priority in a way that one third of its beneficiaries should be women; and
- (d) if so, whether the said provision has been complied by the States and if so, the details of such States?

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b): No, Sir.

The rate of participation of women (women person-days out of total in percentage) in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) during the last five financial years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and current financial year 2022-23 (as on 02.02.2023) is given below:

| Financial Year | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Women participation rate (%) | 53.53 | 54.59 | 54.78 | 53.19 | 54.78 | 56.62 |

(As per NREGASoft)

(c) & (d): As per the Para 15 of Schedule-II of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, "Priority shall be given to women in such a way that at least one-third of the beneficiaries shall be women who have registered and requested for work. Efforts to increase participation of single women and the disabled shall be made".

State/UT-wise details of women participation rate under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the financial year 2021-22 and current financial year 2022-23 (as on 02.02.2023) is given at **Annexure.**

Annexure referred in reply to part (c)&(d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 699 dated 07.02.2023.

| State/UT-wise details of women participation rate (%) under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the financial year 2021-22 and current financial year 2022-23 (as on 02.02.2023) | | | |
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| SI No | State/UT | Women participation rate (%age) | |
| | | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
| 1 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 57.79 | 59.83 |
| 2 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 44.64 | 45.59 |
| 3 | ASSAM | 47.56 | 47.35 |
| 4 | BIHAR | 53.18 | 56.72 |
| 5 | CHHATTISGARH | 51.52 | 52.37 |
| 6 | GOA | 78.50 | 79.45 |
| 7 | GUJARAT | 46.57 | 47.52 |
| 8 | HARYANA | 52.63 | 59.21 |
| 9 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 62.51 | 64.66 |
| 10 | JAMMU AND KASHMIR | 33.31 | 28.86 |
| 11 | JHARKHAND | 45.59 | 47.33 |
| 12 | KARNATAKA | 50.05 | 51.63 |
| 13 | KERALA | 89.60 | 89.54 |
| 14 | LADAKH | 62.22 | 61.99 |
| 15 | MADHYA PRADESH | 41.03 | 41.67 |
| 16 | MAHARASHTRA | 43.64 | 45.00 |
| 17 | MANIPUR | 52.56 | 49.97 |
| 18 | MEGHALAYA | 50.57 | 51.57 |
| 19 | MIZORAM | 47.81 | 48.49 |
| 20 | NAGALAND | 38.15 | 42.76 |
| 21 | ODISHA | 46.14 | 47.84 |
| 22 | PUNJAB | 60.37 | 66.09 |
| 23 | RAJASTHAN | 66.56 | 67.56 |
| 24 | SIKKIM | 52.63 | 54.44 |
| 25 | TAMIL NADU | 85.70 | 86.01 |
| 26 | TELANGANA | 59.06 | 60.98 |
| 27 | TRIPURA | 47.49 | 48.20 |
| 28 | UTTAR PRADESH | 37.24 | 37.28 |
| 29 | UTTARAKHAND | 55.40 | 55.95 |
| 30 | WEST BENGAL | 46.72 | 47.94 |
| 31 | ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS | 53.83 | 56.26 |
| 32 | LAKSHADWEEP | 0.00 | 32.35 |
| 33 | PUDUCHERRY | 87.59 | 87.28 |
| 34 | DN HAVELI AND DD | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Total | 54.78 | 56.62 |

(As per NREGASoft)
