

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 839
ANSWERED ON 07/02/2023

EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE FROM 70 MILLION FAMILIES UNDER MGNREGS

839. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is projected to employ people from over 70 million families in the financial Year 2022-23 on indication that overall economic growth is still not reaching the rural and unorganised sections of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that as compared to the corresponding pre-COVID month of October 2019, about 15.5 million households applied for jobs through the MGNREGS in October 2022;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that in contrast to its two lakh target, the Unnati initiative, which was launched in 2020 to reduce reliance on the MGNREGS, has trained only 25,056 people; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to address the issue?

ANSWER

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

(a)to(c): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment Scheme which provides for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. It provides livelihood security, i.e. fall back options for livelihood for the rural households, when no better employment opportunity is available.

In current financial year 2022-23 (as on 03.02.2023), a total number of 5.78 crore household availed employment under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

In the month of October, 2019, a total number of 1.29 crore households demanded employment under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, whereas in the month of October, 2022, a total number of 1.55 crore households demanded employment under the Scheme.

(d)&(e): Yes, Sir. The Government is aware about the progress of Project Unnati. The Ministry is regularly reviewing the progress with the State Rural Livelihood Mission. All the issues that come to the Ministry are addressed immediately.
