

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 164
ANSWERED ON 01/08/2023**

REDUCTION IN BUDGET UNDER MGNREGS

***164. SHRI T.R. BAALU:**

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government agrees with the view that 25 per cent reduction in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) budget in this financial year is likely to hurt an economy recovering in K-shape;**
- (b) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government keeping in mind that the economy is still grappling with huge unemployment with lower labour force participation rates and also that shrinking expenditures under MGNREGS at this time may hurt the distressed beneficiaries; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)**

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to Parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 164 for 01.08.2023.

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is a demand driven Scheme.

Funds release to States/UTs is a continuous process and Central Government is committed to release funds to the States/UTs for the implementation of the Scheme as per the provisions of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 and guidelines applicable for Central Government as well as State Governments. Whenever, additional fund is required, Ministry of Finance is requested to provide the funds.

During last three financial years, the details of financial allocation at Budget Estimate stage, Revised Estimated stage and fund released are given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Financial year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Fund released
1	2020-21	61,500	1,11,500	1,11,170.86
2	2021-22	73,000	98,000	98,467.85
3	2022-23	73,000	89,400	90,810.00
