

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1883
ANSWERED ON 01/08/2023**

MGNREGS IN WEST BENGAL

1883. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), West Bengal is the only State which is deprived of all budgets towards rural development in the country during the last three years;**
- (b) if so, the reasons behind such pendency on the demanded amount for labour wages and work charges under MGNREGS; and**
- (c) the alternative proposal of the Government to support and enhance livelihood security of households in rural areas of West Bengal?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Funds under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) to the State of West Bengal have been stopped since 09th March, 2022 as per provisions under section 27 of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 due to non-compliance of directives of Central Government.

As per provision of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 it is the responsibility of the State Government to ensure transparency and accountability in the implementation of the scheme. Also, according to the provision of the Act, if the State Government is not fully successful in

discharging its responsibility, then the Government of India has the right to issue appropriate guidelines as well as stop the release of funds.

Ministry had requested the State of West Bengal at different fora to improve upon its performance under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. Ministry did not find any noticeable improvement against different indicators of implementation of the Scheme in the State of West Bengal.

Details of funds released to the State of West Bengal under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the financial year 2020-21 and 2021-22 are given below:

Financial year	2020-21	2021-22
Funds released to the State of West Bengal (Rs. in crore)	11,454.05	7,507.80
