

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STUDY TO REVIEW WORK UNDER MGNREGS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to review the works done under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in States across the country;**
- (b) if so, the details of the study particularly for the State of Odisha; and**
- (c) the details of work done and funds allocated and utilised in Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts?**

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b): Government of India has made assessment of implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) through third party study in terms of increase in household income, poverty alleviation etc. sponsored by NITI Aayog in 2020. Some of the key findings of the study are as under:

(i) Mahatma Gandhi NREGA is a powerful instrument for inclusive growth in rural India through its impact on social protection, livelihood security and democratic empowerment.

(ii) Mahatma Gandhi NREGS provide livelihood security for the poor through creation of durable assets, improved water security, soil conservation and higher land productivity.

(iii) Mahatma Gandhi NREGS has had a positive impact on the standard of living of households through increase in household income by improvements in production from agriculture.

(iv) Mahatma Gandhi NREGA has led to major increases in wages of rural workers

(v) SC, ST and Women along with socially excluded communities benefit from and are included in Mahatma Gandhi NREGA plans which could be a significant indicator of poverty alleviation in rural areas.

(c): Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is a demand driven wage employment Scheme. There is no district wise allocation of funds under the Scheme.

The details of works completed and expenditure incurred in the districts of Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj of Odisha under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the previous financial year 2022-23 and current financial year 2023-24 (as on 21.07.2023) are given below:

District	Keonjhar		Mayurbhanj	
	2022-23	2023-24 (as on 21.07.2023)	2022-23	2023-24 (as on 21.07.2023)
Works completed (in number)	24793	3079	34896	6575
Total expenditure (in lakh)	28583.83	10379.85	47909.09	17106.38

(As per NREGASoft)
