

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 863
ANSWERED ON 25/07/2023**

LOW BUDGET UNDER MGNREGS

863. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has allocated Rs. 60,000 crore for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for the year 2023-24 against the previous year allocation of Rs. 73,000 crore;**
- (b) if so, the reasons for which MGNREGS budget has been kept so low despite huge pending dues;**
- (c) the total amount budgeted or released under MGNREGS to Tamil Nadu for the year 2023-24;**
- (d) the funds released to the State of Tamil Nadu for MGNREGS during the current financial year as compared to the last year; and**
- (e) the amount released for Tamil Nadu under the scheme for the current year for past dues and new works?**

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b): The details of financial allocation at Budget Estimate (BE) stage and Revised Estimate (RE) stage under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) for financial year 2022-23 and current financial year 2023-24 (as on 21.07.2023) are given below:

(Rs. in crore)			
Sl. No.	Financial Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate
1	2022-23	73,000.00	89,400.00
2	2023-24	60,000.00	-

Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is a demand-driven wage employment Scheme. Funds release to States/UTs is a continuous process and Central Government is committed to making funds available to States/UTs for the implementation of the Scheme as per the demand for work on the ground.

The Ministry seeks additional funds under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS from the Ministry of Finance as and when required for meeting the demand for work on the ground.

(c),(d) & (e): Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is a demand driven wage employment scheme. There is no State/UT-wise allocation of funds under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

Details of funds released to the State of Tamil Nadu under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the financial year 2022-23 and current financial year 2023-24 (as on 21.07.2023) are given below:

Financial year	2022-23	2023-24
Funds released to the State of Tamil Nadu (Rs. in crore)	9,706.62	5,112.31

The funds are released under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS based on the provision of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and guidelines. As per guidelines, the first installment of the first tranche is released in the first half of April after adjusting unspent balance available with the States and considering the pending liabilities, if any.

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