

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1486
ANSWERED ON 12/12/2023**

OUTLAY FOR MGNREGS

1486. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Rural Development has requested for increased outlay for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the current year allocations are very low and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether argument of demand driven scheme justified for low allocation; and**
- (e) whether low allocations affect functioning of MGNREGS in current financial year and if so, the details thereof?**

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

(a)to(d): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment Scheme.

Financial allocation of Rs. 60,000 crores has been made for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) for the financial year 2023-24 at Budget Estimate (BE) stage. Further, an amount of Rs.10,000 crore has been provided by the Ministry of Finance as an advance from Contingency Fund of India. Ministry seeks additional funds from Ministry of Finance as and when required for meeting the demand for work on the ground.

(e): Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, which is a demand driven scheme is a fall-back option in absence of Regular Employment. A total of 221.60 crore persondays has been generated so far (as on 30.11.2023), which is more than the persondays generated during the same period in the last financial year i.e. 208.74 crore persondays (as on 30.11.2022).

During the current financial year 2023-24 (as on 06.12.2023) an amount of Rs. 66,847.71 crore has been released for wage, material & administrative components under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.
