# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1590 ANSWERED ON 12/12/2023

### **ALLOCATION UNDER MGNREGS**

### 1590. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the allocation under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) reduced from Rs.73,000 crore in Budget Estimates 2022-23 to Rs.60,000 crore in Budget Estimates 2023-24 by the Government and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the measures taken by the Government to provide employment opportunities to beneficiaries whose registration was deleted from the MGNREGS databases?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Scheme (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 preliminary estimate of funds requirement at the Budget Estimate (B.E.) stage gets revised, depending upon the requirement of funds. In the financial year 2022-23, Budget Estimate was Rs.73,000 crore and this got revised to Rs.89,400 crore in Revised Estimate 2022-23 under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. Ministry seeks additional funds from the Ministry of Finance whenever it is required.

(b): Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is a demand driven wage employment scheme and the responsibility of implementation of scheme is vested with the State/UT Governments. If a beneficiary whose name has been deleted from the database of NREGASoft with reason of unwillingness to work /permanently shifted to another place out of the Gram Panchayat, but later-on shows willingness to work, State Government has been provided with an option to resume such worker's job card. After successful resumption, the beneficiary can demand and work again under the scheme.

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