

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 254  
ANSWERED ON 05/12/2023**

**JOB CARDHOLDERS IN MGNREGS**

**254. SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:**

**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of job cardholders for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during each of the last three years, State-wise;**
- (b) the amount of funds given to the States during the said period, State-wise;**
- (c) whether it is true that the number of the job cardholders in MGNREGS have come down in 2023 as compared to 2022 and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether it is true that the Government has used all the funds allocated for MGNREGS in the Union Budget of 2023-24; and**
- (e) the amount of funds due for West Bengal under MGNREGS and the reasons for not releasing these funds?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a): State/UT-wise details of new job card issued to households under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) in the financial years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 are given at Annexure-I.**

**(b): State/UT-wise details of funds released under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the financial years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 are given at Annexure-II.**

**(c): Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is a demand driven wage employment Scheme which provides for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.**

**Request for Job card by a household in Rural Area is a continuous process. Also, updation/deletion of Job card is a regular exercise being conducted by the State Governments.**

**(d): 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. Out of this, an amount of Rs.66,994.17 crore has been released as on 28.11.2023. Ministry seeks additional funds from Ministry of Finance as and when required for meeting the demand for work on the ground.**

**(e): As per data available in NREGASoft and PFMS an amount of Rs.5553 crore is the pending liability under wage and material components for State Government of West Bengal. Release of funds to the State of West Bengal has been stopped from 09.03.2022 as per provision of Section 27 of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 due to non-compliance of directives of Central Government.**

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**Annexure-I referred in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 254 dated 05.12.2023.**

<b>State/UT-wise details of new job card issued to households under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the financial years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23</b>				
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>New Job card issued during the year (in numbers)</b>		
		<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	602216	307377	201784
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	25778	30951	25507
3	ASSAM	632222	584422	704856
4	BIHAR	2386693	2668111	1137336
5	CHHATTISGARH	400812	116761	86641
6	GOA	907	530	648
7	GUJARAT	519327	188843	140158
8	HARYANA	174585	73701	37948
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	87479	87572	35241
10	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	122785	78390	41418
11	JHARKHAND	1470318	392125	418963
12	KARNATAKA	737197	501722	447582
13	KERALA	270804	222602	114045
14	LADAKH	1927	1034	1073
15	MADHYA PRADESH	1578165	636396	543978
16	MAHARASHTRA	952965	2197853	423555
17	MANIPUR	22242	11513	5765
18	MEGHALAYA	32181	24233	22793
19	MIZORAM	15782	8610	8477
20	NAGALAND	11853	10191	11021
21	ODISHA	895680	397130	384125
22	PUNJAB	222876	67912	85775
23	RAJASTHAN	1017378	424460	244461
24	SIKKIM	3204	1745	1835
25	TAMIL NADU	532951	337432	271630
26	TELANGANA	349201	133727	65485
27	TRIPURA	17387	19332	19156
28	UTTAR PRADESH	4217179	1674969	754133
29	UTTARAKHAND	115838	30541	26168
30	WEST BENGAL	1682297	825225	214953
31	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	1241	222	467
32	DN HAVELI AND DD	126	6667	88
33	LAKSHADWEEP	13	112	76
34	PUDUCHERRY	3760	1556	1204
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19105369</b>	<b>12063967</b>	<b>6478345</b>

**(As per NREGASoft)**

**Annexure-II referred in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 254 dated 05.12.2023.**

**State/UT-wise details of funds released under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the financial years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 (Rs. in lakh)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>States/UTs</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	1030509.79	718267.16	798909.30
2	Arunachal Pradesh	34027.69	45374.43	57757.99
3	Assam	260233.46	222026.01	205234.84
4	Bihar	728423.57	540736.96	639528.76
5	Chhattisgarh	394347.98	389433.98	338355.40
6	Goa	356.91	3.81	511.53
7	Gujarat	147812.01	161524.32	169207.36
8	Haryana	76355.62	72267.99	37398.62
9	Himachal Pradesh	94833.37	97575.08	115747.62
10	Jammu and Kashmir	115231.99	95013.74	105061.12
11	Jharkhand	342408.42	306382.91	270863.73
12	Karnataka	550099.46	602807.73	622528.20
13	Kerala	428677.68	355193.00	381842.70
14	Madhya Pradesh	908672.51	847908.76	570213.49
15	Maharashtra	160025.70	205645.71	254973.07
16	Manipur	130673.85	56310.74	108663.26
17	Meghalaya	128416.59	112166.07	111691.95
18	Mizoram	59045.38	54891.55	53871.87
19	Nagaland	48382.14	56945.51	89744.90
20	Odisha	521529.26	568015.17	463836.25
21	Punjab	123913.55	125759.36	118213.27
22	Rajasthan	892076.25	986774.85	966299.14
23	Sikkim	11016.55	11241.97	9255.39
24	Tamil Nadu	878881.54	963813.22	970662.48
25	Telangana	411121.10	410519.85	298868.14
26	Tripura	119498.53	98888.29	92203.45
27	Uttar Pradesh	1201410.42	850956.51	1062900.83
28	Uttarakhand	88626.63	64203.24	79284.44
29	West Bengal	1145405.21	750780.15	0.00
30	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	485.89	763.16	960.42
31	Lakshadweep	0.00	30.05	0.00
32	Puducherry	2683.69	1307.28	2494.55
33	Ladakh	2248.57	5904.39	6893.31
34	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.00	0.00	161.87
	Daman & Diu	0.00		

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