

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 374
ANSWERED ON 05/12/2023**

PLAN TO MEET FUTURE REQUIREMENTS OF MGNREGS

374. DR. TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the allocated fund of 60 thousand crores under MGNREGS has been exhausted more than 95 per cent;**
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to maintain sufficient balances to meet the demand of labour for the MGNREGS as country is in experience of rainfall deficit; and**
- (c) the plan of the Government to meet future requirements of MGNREGS budget?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment Scheme. During the current financial year 2023-24 (as on 29.11.2023) an amount of Rs. 66,629.62 crore has been released for wage, material & administrative components under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

Funds are released to the States/UTs on the basis of "agreed to" Labour Budget (LB) and performance of the States/UTs during the financial year. Fund release to States/UTs is a continuous process and Central Government is committed to making funds available keeping in view the demand for work on the ground.

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.
