

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 350
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.11.2019

RIGHT TO WORK UNDER MGNREGA

350. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

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

- (a) whether the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) 2006, that aims to guarantee the 'right to work', is fulfilling its unique objectives for the rural poor, especially the landless labourers and small and marginal farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the relevant details of rural and urban unemployment rates in Kerala, total number of beneficiaries, districts covered under MGNREGA, socio-economic status scale over different districts, heterogeneous works and work age group, and the male and female worker distribution;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether any significant steps are being taken to address the anomalies on the implementation side, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the noteworthy role of community-based organizations and women self-help groups under MGNREGA in Kerala?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The mandate of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA), 2005 is to provide at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every rural household whose adult member volunteers to do unskilled manual work. An additional 50 days of wage employment is provided over and above 100 days in the notified drought affected areas or natural calamity areas in the country on recommendation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. The Ministry also mandates the provision of additional 50 days of wage employment to every Scheduled Tribe Household in a forest area, provided that these households have no other private property except for the land rights provided under the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

(b)&(c): As per the information shared by State Government of Kerala, Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is implemented in all 14 districts of Kerala. Till date, 35.97 lakh households are registered under the Scheme, out of which 19.41 lakh households are active workers. During the current FY 2019-20 (as on 13.11.2019), 14.28 lakh individuals from 12.66 lakh households have received employment under the Scheme and 421.66 lakh persondays have been generated under the Scheme during the period. District-wise details of beneficiaries under the Scheme are given at **Annexure**.

(d): National Level Monitors and officers of the Ministry visit States at regular interval to review implementation of the programme. After the field visits, the findings/shortcomings and recommendations are shared with the States for appropriate action at their end. Performance Review Committee meetings of the Ministry, Common Review Missions and regular video conferencing on specific issues are also important tools of Monitoring. The State has also initiated the process of appointment of Ombudspersons and State Quality Monitors for the purpose.

(e): The State Government of Kerala is utilizing the potential of community-based organisations and women self-help groups in the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. Kudumbashree, the community-based, organisation formed by the State Government of Kerala has played a key role in mobilizing people of rural areas for participating in the Scheme. Presently, Kudumbashree Area Development Society Executive Committee Members also act as Mates under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

Annexure referred in reply to parts (b)&(c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.350 dated 19.11.2019

Districts	Registered House holds	No. of active House holds	Total women active workers	Total Men active workers	Total active workers	Households provided employment in FY 2019 -20	Persons provided employment in FY 2019-20	Persondays generated in FY 2019-20
ALAPPUZHA	275142	173535	180237	25408	205645	127613	140774	3616363
ERNAKULAM	236787	113109	108295	26772	135067	71960	79685	2499677
IDUKKI	197062	137675	130923	74676	205599	99322	135122	3613794
KANNUR	219539	110658	107486	19950	127436	69540	74752	2283383
KASARGOD	156520	89273	82585	25042	107627	58045	64885	2099628
KOLLAM	361472	200938	188997	48898	237895	128477	143689	4131082
KOTTAYAM	193855	83598	81296	18367	99663	57348	63867	2450036
KOZHIKODE	304246	186690	171835	42700	214535	120490	131335	4386252
MALAPPURAM	325748	133491	117929	38863	156792	74235	80842	2726056
PALAKKAD	355412	211044	203774	45264	249038	140386	157049	3933236
PATHANAMTHITTA	143136	67222	67922	14071	81993	48359	54219	1826543
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	398444	227514	222834	43716	266550	141796	157652	3464723
THRISSUR	284117	122765	117936	23417	141353	75742	82132	2882775
WAYANAD	145519	83777	75712	31608	107320	53288	62119	2252947
Total	3596999	1941289	1857761	478752	2336513	1266601	1428122	42166495

The main works taken up are single unit toilets, irrigation open wells, cattle shed for individuals and cement concrete roads, earthen contour bunds, water absorption trench, stone bund, recharge pits, renovation of community ponds etc. for community.

Unemployment rate (under Usual Principle Status approach) in Kerala as per the Kerala State Economic Review 2018 is as follows:

Rural			Urban			Total		
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
4.3	24.4	10.4	3.3	19.7	8.1	4.1	23.2	9.8

The report on district wise age group of workers that were employed during Financial Year 2019-20 is given below:

Districts	Total Landless Casual Labour as per SECC	Total employed	Age group	Age group	Age group	Age group	Age group	Age group Greater than 80
			18-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-80	
ALAPPUZHA	85279	140774	2127	21994	44444	42349	29379	481
ERNAKULAM	72090	79685	915	7485	21256	27055	22571	403
IDUKKI	45619	135122	5705	21519	36517	37858	32749	774
KANNUR	53680	74752	908	9261	21852	23564	18912	255
KASARGOD	29930	64885	1263	11772	21167	18521	12004	158
KOLLAM	81952	143689	3971	26606	44397	40502	27703	510
KOTTAYAM	56887	63868	707	8046	20102	20709	14054	250
KOZHIKODE	98436	131339	1397	22365	42023	37991	26978	585
MALAPPURAM	185148	80842	1805	13551	25353	23568	16236	329
PALAKKAD	168960	157049	4541	28523	45251	43076	34971	687
PATHANAMTHITTA	45523	54222	817	7937	17070	16955	11278	165

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	120205	157652	3776	25005	44664	47557	36054	596
THRISSUR	118584	82133	1052	8364	22363	27194	22656	504
WAYANAD	45268	62119	3150	13872	19891	15313	9712	181
Total	1207561	1428131	32134	226300	426350	422212	315257	5878
Percentage against total employed			2.25	15.85	29.85	29.56	22.07	0.41
