

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1844
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.03.2020

USE OF MACHINES UNDER MGNREGS

1844. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan/taken action to support the use of machines to avoid manual labour under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) which is currently restricted to the use of only manual labour to provide employment to the rural people of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some of the State Governments have written to the Union Government regarding the use of machines for the labourers working under MGNREGS;
- (d) if so, the details of the initiatives taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): Para 22 of Schedule-I of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA), 2005 lays down that “*as far as practicable, works executed by the programme implementation agencies shall be performed by using manual labour and no labour displacing machines shall be used*”. There may be activities in executing works which cannot be carried out by manual labour, where use of machine may become essential for maintaining the quality and durability of works. A suggested list of activities and machines which can be used under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA is at **Annexure**.

Annexure referred in reply to parts (a)to(e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1844 dated 03.03.2020

S. No.	Name of work as per para 4.(1) of Schedule-1, MGNREGA	Name of Activity	Name of Machine(s) that can be used
1.	II. Category B: (i) Improving productivity of lands, dug wells	i) The excavation/ deepening of dug well	i) Pump set for dewatering, ii) Tractor mounted Compressor hammer for rocky strata, iii) Lifting device/ Chain pulley (motorised)
2.	IV. Category D: (ii) Road connectivity	i) Compaction of earthen embankment in 15 to 23 cm layers, at optimum moisture content ii) Compaction of morum/ gravel in 15 to 20 cm layers at optimum moisture content iii) Mixing of cement concrete. iv) Compaction of cement concrete v) Cutting of joint in Cement Concrete	i) Power Roller ii) Trailer mounted water browser i) Static smooth wheeled roller of 8 - 20 ton weight. ii) Trailer mounted water browser i) Mechanical Mixer i) Mechanical Vibrator i) Concrete joint cutter
3	IV. Category D: (v) Construction of building	i) RCC Footing, Column, Beam and Roof	i) Mechanical mixer and Mechanical vibrator.
4.	IV. Category D: (vii) Production of building materials	i) For compressing Compressed Stabilised Earthen Blocks (CSEB)	i) Machine for CSEB, such as Aurum Press, Cinvaram, Terstara, Mardini, TARA-Balram, etc.
		ii) For production of fly ash bricks/ blocks	ii) Pan mixer & Brick/ block making machine (Vibratory table/ Hydraulic press)
5.	I. Category A: (v) Afforestation, tree plantation in common and forest lands	i) Digging pits for plantation, which cannot be done manually in Usar areas, where there is Kankar pan and soil is alkaline with pH more than 8.5.	i) Mechanical Auger