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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 402**  
ANSWERED ON 15/09/2020

**ECONOMIC LOSSES DUE TO CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether rural areas have suffered the maximum economic loss due to the Corona Virus pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has carried out any assessment in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action plan prepared by the Government to deal with the said situation?

**ANSWER**  
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): According to the latest quarterly estimates of national income, released by National Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on 31.08.2020, the India's Gross Value Added (GVA) at Basic Prices has contracted by 22.8 per cent during April-June (Quarter 1: Q1) 2020-21 as compared to the Q1 of 2019-20. But, GVA at Basic Prices for the category of *Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing* has registered a growth of 3.4 per cent in Q1 of 2020-21 as compared to Q1 of 2019-20. The estimates pertaining to rural areas, however, are not available.

(b): The estimated figure of GVA at Basic Prices, mentioned above, are given as follows;

<b>Estimates of GVA at Basic Prices (at 2011-12 prices) [Rs in crore]</b>	<b>April-June (Q1) 2019-20</b>	<b>April-June (Q1) 2020-21</b>
GVA at Basic Prices	33,07,707	25,53,320
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	4,39,843	4,54,658

(c) & (d): The Ministry has not carried out any assessment in this regard till date.

(e): The Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyay – Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Shyama Prasad Mukherjee National Rurban Mission (SPMRM) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for development of rural areas through generation of employment, strengthening of livelihood opportunities, promoting of self-employment, skilling of rural youths, provision of social assistance, development of infrastructure etc.

Schemes	All India	
	Physical	Financial
MGNREGS	Person days generated: 20061.25 lakh	Central release: Rs.60472.66 crore
PMAY-G	Total houses constructed: 1082683	Fund utilised: Rs. 15919.59 crore
PMGSY	Road length completed: 4928 km	Expenditure: Rs Rs. 6,954.43 crore
DAY-NRLM	SHG promoted: 134598	Central release: Rs. 243254.53 lakhs
DDU-GKY	Candidates trained: 2,881	Fund released: Rs. 41170.55 crore
NSAP	No of beneficiaries: 282 lakhs	Rs. 2814 crore
SPMRM	No. of clusters allotted/ approved: NIL	Expenditure on convergence and critical gap fund: Rs.887.77 crore

In addition to the above, the Ministry has taken following initiatives to mitigate the problems arising out due to Covid-19

<p><b>1. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana</b></p>	<p>On 26.03.2020, Government had announced Rs 1.70 Lakh Crore relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana for the poor to help them fight the battle against Corona Virus. As far as Ministry of Rural Development is concerned there are two components under the package. (1) To provide ex-gratia of Rs.1000 in two installments (Rs.500/- each) to the existing old age, widow and disabled/Divyangjan beneficiaries of the schemes of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). The NSAP Division timely released a total of Rs. 2814.50 crore as ex-gratia to States/UTs in April, 2020 as first tranche and in May, 2020 as second tranche under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) for the existing 282 lakh beneficiaries of NSAP schemes. (2) Cash transfer of Rs. 500 into the accounts of Rs.20.61 cr. women PMJDY Account holders every month for three months. Total amount of Rs.</p>
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	30,944.61 cr. has been transferred.
<b>2. Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan</b>	Prime Minister Modi, in his fifth address to India since the national lockdown, has announced a financial package of Rs 20 lakh crore to ease the coronavirus distress. The package is announced under 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' to revive the Indian economy.
<b>a. Stepping up Budget of MGNREGA by Rs. 40,000 crore</b>	Government has made an increase in allocation for MGNREGS by Rs. 40,000 crores to overcome Covid-19 crises provisioning income through wage employment. A total of 184 core person days have been generated so far in the current FY 2020-21
<b>b. Hike in wage rate under MGNREGA</b>	Hike in wages for manual workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) from Rs. 182 to Rs.202/day in FY20-21
<b>3. Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA)</b>	Further, Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA), launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 20.06.2020, across six selected states across 116 districts with a provision of Rs. 50,000 Cr. to provide livelihood opportunities to rural citizens, and an expenditure of Rs.23,767.32 crore has been incurred in these districts till 13.09.2020.

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