

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3340**  
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2021

REDUCTION IN MGNREGS FUNDS

3340. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:  
SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the average monthly employment hours provided per household under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), since March, 2020, month-wise, as compared to previous years, disaggregated by State and gender of worker;
- (b) whether the Government has found MGNREGS to be an effective reliever of rural economic distress, particularly due to rural job losses during the lockdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent migration to rural areas; and
- (c) if so, the reasons why the Government has reduced the allocation for MGNREGS from Rs 1,11,500 crore Revised Estimates in 2020-21 to Rs. 73,000 crore in the Budget Estimate for 2021-22?

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

(a): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment programme which provide 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. Employment under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA is monitored in terms of person-days. State-wise and month-wise number of days of employment provided per household since March 2020 is given at **Annexure.**

(b)&(c): Mahatma Gandhi NREG Scheme is a demand driven wage employment programme which provides at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. During FY 2020-21, more than 363 crore person-days have been generated as on 12.03.2021 which is approximately 40% more than the employment generated during the same period in FY

2019-20. During FY 2020-21, more than 1.75 crore new job cards have been issued so far which is 153% more than the total number of new job card issued during FY 2019-20. Government has enhanced the financial allocation under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA for financial year 2020-21 from Rs.61,500 crore at BE to Rs.1,11,500 crore at RE and so far about Rs.97,057 crore has been released in the current financial year.

An amount of Rs.73,000 crore has been allocated for FY 2021-22 as BE which is 18.69% more than B.E. of FY 2020-21. Mahatma Gandhi NREGA is a demand driven wage employment programme. 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. The Ministry seeks additional funds from Ministry of Finance as and when required for meeting the demand for work on the ground.

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**Annexure referred in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3340 dated 16.03.2021**

Average days of employment provided per household under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA													
S. No.	State/ UT	March, 2020	March, 2021	April, 2019	April, 2020	May, 2019	May, 2020	June, 2019	June, 2020	July, 2019	July, 2020	August, 2019	August, 2020
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	10.2	4.8	14.1	11.5	18.6	18.0	13.2	19.6	8.5	10.5	8.5	8.8
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	13.9	5.1	14.2	15.9	15.1	17.1	15.9	15.2	13.6	15.8	17.0	15.9
3	ASSAM	10.7	7.3	12.0	6.5	13.7	11.1	12.4	12.4	11.2	12.1	12.8	11.7
4	BIHAR	13.7	5.3	18.4	16.8	18.7	18.7	16.7	17.4	15.5	16.9	16.4	16.0
5	CHHATTISGARH	12.5	8.3	20.0	13.8	20.3	21.5	15.6	14.7	13.3	11.0	12.4	12.2
6	GOA	8.0	4.6	6.4	5.7	6.7	10.8	7.6	9.4	10.6	9.5	8.6	7.8
7	GUJARAT	11.9	7.0	20.0	11.9	22.0	21.4	17.2	19.9	16.4	16.5	14.3	15.2
8	HARYANA	9.2	4.5	15.1	8.8	13.0	11.3	12.8	13.4	13.0	13.3	12.4	12.3
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	11.3	4.2	15.5	13.6	16.4	16.6	16.7	18.1	16.0	17.8	15.8	16.5
10	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	18.8	9.0	22.9	12.6	21.9	19.3	18.2	19.6	16.5	21.6	16.2	19.9
11	JHARKHAND	10.5	6.1	16.5	11.2	16.0	15.3	14.7	15.7	13.3	12.6	12.6	12.2
12	KARNATAKA	14.4	9.5	18.7	16.2	20.0	18.8	18.2	18.5	18.5	17.7	18.0	16.7
13	KERALA	9.5	4.8	9.3	6.0	10.7	9.2	9.8	11.8	10.9	11.1	9.5	9.1
14	LADAKH	17.0	7.6	15.1	11.2	17.6	17.1	12.9	19.0	15.1	20.2	17.0	19.7
15	MADHYA PRADESH	12.5	8.3	19.5	10.8	19.0	20.1	17.9	19.8	15.5	18.2	15.9	16.8
16	MAHARASHTRA	13.1	9.5	17.2	13.5	18.4	17.5	17.1	15.3	14.7	15.6	14.8	14.3
17	MANIPUR	12.8	3.9	8.8	8.0	8.9	10.8	10.2	11.9	9.4	14.4	12.0	13.7
18	MEGHALAYA	15.4	4.5	15.3	11.5	15.2	14.7	17.5	18.2	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.7
19	MIZORAM	4.2	3.9	11.9	5.0	13.8	14.0	11.5	13.5	6.1	14.0	8.3	12.4
20	NAGALAND	8.0	3.5	5.2	2.8	7.2	10.6	8.1	8.4	9.8	8.3	8.6	7.7
21	ODISHA	16.3	7.4	15.4	14.5	16.9	19.3	14.2	18.8	14.7	17.4	15.4	16.9
22	PUNJAB	7.6	5.5	10.9	9.3	10.1	9.0	10.6	9.9	10.7	12.1	10.2	11.7
23	RAJASTHAN	10.5	3.0	19.4	12.9	21.0	18.7	19.2	20.5	16.7	17.8	15.4	15.7
24	SIKKIM	12.4	4.9	14.2	10.2	17.3	14.8	17.0	16.5	15.7	16.1	13.4	15.0
25	TAMIL NADU	7.2	5.0	8.8	4.6	11.0	7.6	9.8	9.7	9.7	10.4	9.3	8.4
26	TELANGANA	8.3	6.5	18.3	14.0	20.7	23.7	13.1	13.7	9.7	9.3	9.1	9.1
27	TRIPURA	11.0	6.1	8.5	7.2	9.7	11.1	13.2	11.9	12.5	12.4	12.3	12.8
28	UTTAR PRADESH	10.4	4.3	17.8	10.3	15.4	15.3	15.9	15.4	14.2	13.3	13.5	12.7
29	UTTARAKHAND	12.8	5.8	17.3	13.0	16.4	14.7	15.9	15.2	15.7	15.2	15.6	14.8
30	WEST BENGAL	14.4	6.1	21.3	17.5	19.7	17.7	19.0	17.7	18.4	16.7	18.6	16.1
31	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	8.7	5.2	8.0	8.2	15.0	13.3	10.9	12.4	11.7	11.5	8.8	11.0
32	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
33	DAMAN & DIU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
34	LAKSHADWEEP	14.1	0.0	12.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	0.0	21.1	26.0	17.6	21.1	13.1
35	PUDUCHERRY	6.9	2.1	4.6	5.0	6.3	6.3	6.9	8.9	7.7	7.2	7.4	7.4
	Total	11.5	6.8	16.1	12.8	17.4	17.2	14.9	16.5	12.9	14.2	12.4	13.0

Average Days of Employment Provided per Household under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA													
S. No.	State/ UT	September, 2019	September, 2020	October, 2019	October, 2020	November, 2019	November, 2020	December, 2019	December, 2020	January, 2020	January, 2021	February, 2020	February, 2021
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	9.4	8.2	9.9	8.0	9.4	7.6	9.0	8.5	7.2	6.5	10.7	8.7
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	15.6	15.3	16.7	13.6	15.5	13.9	16.0	14.3	15.4	14.8	16.6	14.2
3	ASSAM	11.9	11.5	10.5	11.7	12.1	12.8	12.0	13.1	12.4	12.8	12.5	12.4
4	BIHAR	15.9	15.9	15.3	16.0	15.9	15.5	16.6	16.1	16.8	16.7	17.1	15.0
5	CHHATTISGARH	12.3	12.3	14.5	12.9	16.2	13.4	17.3	15.6	18.0	11.1	15.8	18.3
6	GOA	6.2	7.6	11.7	8.6	7.9	11.3	11.9	9.3	10.3	10.2	10.2	8.5
7	GUJARAT	15.1	15.8	13.2	15.2	15.8	13.1	16.4	16.1	16.7	15.8	16.7	16.5
8	HARYANA	12.6	12.9	14.7	14.2	13.4	14.0	13.8	14.1	14.3	12.8	13.8	11.0
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	16.1	17.2	15.3	17.3	15.2	16.2	14.7	16.5	15.0	13.7	16.5	14.8
10	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	17.9	18.3	20.0	21.4	21.1	21.6	21.1	20.1	22.2	20.3	23.0	19.9
11	JHARKHAND	12.6	12.6	12.2	14.1	13.3	13.4	13.3	13.2	13.1	12.4	13.2	12.0
12	KARNATAKA	17.0	16.0	16.5	15.4	16.8	15.1	16.8	14.7	17.5	15.0	17.3	14.7
13	KERALA	7.6	10.7	10.8	11.6	10.2	11.4	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.9	11.1	10.8
14	LADAKH	19.1	18.8	21.5	22.1	18.7	17.4	17.3	17.4	15.6	18.2	19.4	16.4
15	MADHYA PRADESH	15.2	16.4	15.0	16.7	15.9	15.9	16.1	17.8	16.4	17.3	15.9	16.1
16	MAHARASHTRA	14.5	15.1	14.6	15.5	14.7	15.3	15.4	18.2	16.0	17.2	16.6	16.2
17	MANIPUR	14.6	17.2	12.7	16.6	9.2	13.2	7.4	13.6	9.1	12.2	10.1	10.5
18	MEGHALAYA	18.4	18.6	18.4	18.8	17.8	17.2	17.4	15.5	19.6	16.7	20.4	16.3
19	MIZORAM	8.2	10.7	8.5	5.3	9.6	8.1	7.3	6.7	8.3	6.7	6.3	4.2
20	NAGALAND	8.9	7.0	9.6	8.0	8.9	6.8	8.1	7.1	9.6	6.4	8.2	7.9
21	ODISHA	15.5	17.1	16.1	16.4	16.5	16.1	18.4	16.7	18.8	16.7	18.3	15.7
22	PUNJAB	6.6	11.4	11.2	11.5	10.6	10.7	9.9	11.2	9.4	11.0	9.7	10.5
23	RAJASTHAN	15.2	15.5	16.2	14.8	15.7	13.8	15.9	14.4	14.5	15.2	14.0	13.2
24	SIKKIM	14.3	16.2	12.8	13.2	15.0	12.6	15.6	14.2	14.6	13.8	15.4	13.9
25	TAMIL NADU	8.1	9.4	7.9	9.8	7.9	7.6	7.2	8.4	7.2	6.6	8.2	8.7
26	TELANGANA	8.9	9.3	8.6	9.9	8.5	10.5	8.4	10.6	8.1	11.2	8.8	11.2
27	TRIPURA	11.4	13.4	10.1	10.2	10.5	11.3	10.6	12.5	10.6	12.0	12.0	11.8
28	UTTAR PRADESH	13.9	13.1	13.9	12.9	14.8	13.2	15.1	13.5	14.6	12.6	14.2	13.9
29	UTTARAKHAND	15.8	15.1	14.9	14.7	14.0	14.8	14.2	14.7	15.0	14.7	15.8	14.1
30	WEST BENGAL	15.4	15.1	16.5	14.9	17.0	15.9	18.0	16.4	18.6	16.1	18.7	14.1
31	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	11.1	11.7	13.7	11.8	12.8	10.5	13.0	13.2	13.2	12.2	11.9	10.2
32	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
33	DAMAN & DIU	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
34	LAKSHADWEEP	13.4	11.5	16.2	11.1	18.6	22.9	12.8	28.7	16.3	18.6	14.1	9.5
35	PUDUCHERRY	6.0	7.5	6.2	7.2	6.9	4.6	7.6	4.6	5.8	4.0	8.5	3.5
	Total	12.1	13.2	12.7	13.2	13.6	12.8	14.4	13.7	14.6	13.3	14.3	13.1