

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 137
ANSWERED ON 07/12/2021

EMPLOYMENT FOR RURAL WOMEN UNDER MGNREGS

*137. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether rural women are getting employment opportunities under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the work of construction of dams in the rural areas near the fields has also been included under MGNREGS; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 137 for 07.12.2021

(a) & (b) 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.

As per the Para 15 of Schedule-II of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, "Priority shall be given to women in such a way that at least one-third of the beneficiaries shall be women who have registered and requested for work. Efforts to increase participation of single women and the disabled shall be made".

Mahatma Gandhi NREG Scheme is a gender neutral programme which promotes participation of women by providing wage parity with men, provision of separate schedule of rates of wages for women, facilities for crèche, work-side sheds for children and child care services. In convergence with NRLM, women mates have also been introduced, which again facilitate the participation of women. The Scheme also endeavors to provide works near the residence of the beneficiaries. These measures enhance participation of women.

The rate of participation of women in Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the last three financial years and current financial year is given below:

Financial Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (as on 01.12.2021)
Percentage of participation of Women	54.59	54.78	53.19	54.1

(As per MIS)

(c) & (d) As per Schedule I of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Section 4 (3), Para 4 (1), I. Category: A : Public works relating to Natural Resource Management: (i) Water Conservation and water harvesting structures to augment and improve ground water like underground dykes , earthen dams, stop dams, check dams and roof top rain water harvesting structures in Government/Panchayat buildings with focus on recharging ground water including drinking water sources are permissible activities under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. The details of different kind of check dams/Anicuts works completed under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during last three financial years and current financial year 2021-22 (as on 28.11.2021) is given below:

Financial Year	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22 (as on 28.11.2021)
Number of check dams etc. completed	65,772	69,515	97,602	68,321
Total expenditure made (Rs. In crore)	2881.80	3395.28	5310.38	3862.83
