

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2597**  
ANSWERED ON 14/12/2021

**BENEFICIARIES UNDER MGNREGS IN WEST BENGAL**

2597. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the beneficiaries under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in rural areas are not getting employment as per the entitled amount, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries in West Bengal who have got employed in the month of June during each of years from 2018 to 2021 under MGNREGS;
- (c) whether the number of beneficiaries employed in 2021 are less as compared to the previous years;
- (d) the percentage of rural population currently unemployed; and
- (e) the details of employment given under the scheme to the migrant workers who have returned to their homes in rural areas due to COVID-19?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven programme for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

(b): The details of households availed employment in the State of West Bengal in the month of June during the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is given below:

June, 2018	June, 2019	June, 2020	June, 2021
19,48,890	9,03,207	37,31,510	31,35,209

(c): Month-wise details of households availed employment under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS from January, 2020 to November, 2020 and January, 2021 to November, 2021 is given at **Annexure.**

(d): There is no official system of estimation of current level of rural employment. As per data available from Center for Monitoring of Indian Economy(CMIE), rural unemployment rate stood at 6.44 % for the month of November 2021.

(e): No separate statistics is maintained for returnee migrants who have availed employment under the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

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**Annexure referred in reply to part © of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2597 dated 14.12.2021**

Month-wise details of households availed employment under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the years 2020 and 2021		
Month	Households availed employment (in crore)	
	2020	2021
January	1.57	2.09
February	1.87	2.28
March	1.59	2.01
April	1.11	2.13
May	3.31	2.22
June	3.89	2.94
July	2.76	2.69
August	2.01	2.11
September	2.00	2.08
October	1.99	1.74
November	1.84	1.61

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