

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 198
ANSWERED ON 15/03/2022

DECLINE IN DEMAND FOR WORK UNDER MGNREGS

*198. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a demand to allocate a sum of Rs. 2.6 lakh crore which would cover the guaranteed 100 days of work under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for all active job card holders;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the allocation less than Rs.1.4 lakh crore which was the amount spent in 2020-21 plus inflation will suppress the demand and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the demand for work under MGNREGS has declined due to funding constraints; 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. 198 for 15.03.2022

(a)&(b): No, Sir. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment programme and funds are released to the States/UTs on the basis of "agreed to" Labour Budget (LB) and performance of the States/UTs during the financial year. Fund release to States/UTs is a continuous process and Central Government is committed in making funds available keeping in view the demand for work on the ground.

(c)&(d): The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA), 2005, is an Act to 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. The details of persondays generated under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the financial year 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 (as on 08.03.2022) is given below:

Financial Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (as on 08.03.2022)
Persondays in crore	265.35	389.09	333.21

In the current financial year 2021-22 (as on 08.03.2022), 99.47% households are offered employment against their demand for work under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.
