

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2220
ANSWERED ON 15/03/2022

INCREASE IN MGNREGS FUNDS

2220. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any further consideration of increasing fund on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that despite MGNREGS serving as a major ray of hope for many rural labour during the Covid Waves, the budgetary allocation for the scheme saw a drastic fall; and
- (d) if so, the details of alternative plan being made by the Government?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) 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 to making funds available keeping in view the demand for work on the ground.

Government enhanced the financial allocation under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS for the financial year 2020-21 from Rs. 61,500 crore at Budget Estimate (BE) stage to Rs.1,11,500 crore at Revised Estimate(RE) stage.

In the current Financial Year 2021-22, the budget provision at Budget Estimate (BE) stage was Rs. 73,000 crore. The Ministry has requested for additional budget allocation which has been enhanced to Rs. 98,000 crore at the Revised Estimate (RE) stage as per the requirement of funds. The Ministry seeks additional funds for Mahatma Gandhi NREGS from Ministry of Finance as and when required for meeting the demand for work on the ground.
