GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3093 ANSWERED ON 22/03/2022

FUNDS FOR PROJECTS UNDER MGNREGS IN KERALA

3093. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether funds for any project like Cattle Shed, sheep shed, chicken coop, waste pit, compost pit etc., taken up under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in most of local self Government Institutions(Panchayats) of Kerala has not been made available since July 2021;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Union Government will take immediate action to resolve this issue; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which funds are likely to be provided to said State?

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 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.

No work-wise financial allocation is made under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

Under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS), States/UTs submit funds release proposals to the Government of India. Fund release to the States/UTs is a continuous process and Central Government is committed to making funds available to States/UTs for the implementation of the Scheme. The Ministry release funds periodically in two tranches with each tranche consisting of one or more installments, keeping in view the "agreed to" Labour Budget, demand for works, opening balance, pace of utilization of funds, pending liabilities, overall performance and subject to submission of relevant documents by the State/UTs.

In current financial year 2021-22 (as on 17.03.2022) an amount of Rs. 2,913.84 crore has been released to the State of Kerala under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.
