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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3164
ANSWERED ON 22/03/2022

PARTICIPATION OF RURAL WOMEN IN MGNREGS

3164. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any positive result is felt on the rural women after enhanced amount under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the economic burden of the rural women has been decreased as a result of their participation in MGNREGS during COVID-19;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the work of dam construction in fields have been incorporated under MGNREGS in rural areas; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

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.

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 NREGS is a gender positive 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 Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-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 and the computed women persondays in Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the last three financial years and current financial year 2021-22 (as on 19.03.2022) is given below:

Financial Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Women participation rate (%)	54.59	54.78	53.19	54.54
computed women person-days (in crore)	125.12	145.36	206.96	187.38

(As per MIS)

(e) & (f) As per the Schedule I of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, construction of check dams are permissible under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. The details of completed and ongoing works of check dams along with expenditure incurred under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS since inception as on 19.03.2022 is given below:

The details of completed and ongoing works of check dams constructed under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS since inception as on 19.03.2022			
Number of completed check dams	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)	Number of ongoing works of check dams	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
11,10,862	23093.82	2,31,810	6991.84
