

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2576
ANSWERED ON 02/08/2022

ALLOCATIONS UNDER MGNREGS

2576. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is less allocation for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in the FY 2022-23 budget and the All India Kisan Sabha and NREGA Sangharsh Morcha (NSM) have raised concerns about the inadequacy of the amount as the grassroots activists and academics have been demanding higher budgetary allocations for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, whether the actual allocations have been considerably lower and severely inadequate to meet needs and also the initial allocations in the past two Financial Years have been just about half of what was recommended by groups like the People's Action for Employment Guarantee (PAEG) and NSM;
- (c) whether the consistent shortage of funds has caused a situation endemic to MGNREGS - that of deficits for the State Governments, long delays in wage payments since 2014 onwards; and
- (d) if so, the year-wise details thereof along with the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): No, Sir. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment Scheme which provides 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. It provides livelihood security, i.e. fall back options for livelihood for the rural households, when no better employment opportunity is available.

The detail of Budget Estimate, Revised Estimate and fund released under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the financial years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and current financial year 2022-23 (as on 27.07.2022) is given below:

(Rs. in crore)				
S. No.	Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Fund released
1	2014-15	34,000.00	33,000.00	32,977.43
2	2015-16	34,699.00	37,345.95	37,340.72
3	2016-17	38,500.00	48,220.26	48,219.05
4	2017-18	48,000.00	55,167.06	55,166.06

5	2018-19	55,000.00	61,830.09	61,829.55
6	2019-20	60,000.00	71,001.81	71,687.71
7	2020-21	61,500.00	1,11,500.00	1,11,170.86
8	2021-22	73,000.00	98,000.00	98,467.85
9	2022-23	73,000.00	-	36,677.79

(As on 27.07.2022)

Fund release to States/UTs is a continuous process and Central Government is committed in making funds available to States/UTs for the implementation of the Scheme. The Ministry seeks additional funds under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS from Ministry of Finance as and when required for meeting the demand for work on the ground.
