

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2750
ANSWERED ON 02/08/2022

LINKAGE OF MGNREGS WAGES WITH CPI-AL

2750. DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is cognizant of the fact that because of linkage of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) wages with Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers (CPI-AL), the MGNREGS wages have become lower than even the minimum wage of many States;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is considering or making efforts to align MGNREGS wages with CPI-Rural Labourers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): As per Section 6(1) of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, the Central Government may by notification specify the wage rate for its beneficiaries. Accordingly, the Ministry of Rural Development notifies Mahatma Gandhi NREGA wage rate every financial year for States/UTs. To compensate the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA workers against inflation, the Ministry of Rural Development revises the wage rate every financial year based on change in Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labour (CPI-AL). The wage rate is made applicable from 1st April of each financial year. **However each State/UT can provide wage over and above the wage rate notified by the Central Government.**

State/UT-wise notified wage rates for unskilled worker under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, for the financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23 is given at **Annexure**.

Annexure referred in reply to parts (a)to(d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2750 dated 02.08.2022

State/UT-wise notified wage rates for unskilled worker under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS for the financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23.			
S. No.	State/UT	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	245	257
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	212	216
3	ASSAM	224	229
4	BIHAR	198	210
5	CHHATTISGARH	193	204
6	GUJARAT	229	239
7	HARYANA	315	331
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH - NON SCHEDULED AREA	203	212
8a	HIMACHAL PRADESH - SCHEDULED AREA	254	266
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	214	227
10	LADAKH	214	227
11	JHARKHAND	198	210
12	KARNATAKA	289	309
13	KERALA	291	311
14	MADHYA PRADESH	193	204
15	MAHARASHTRA	248	256
16	MANIPUR	251	251
17	MEGHALAYA	226	230
18	MIZORAM	233	233
19	NAGALAND	212	216
20	ODISHA	215	222
21	PUNJAB	269	282
22	RAJASTHAN	221	231
23	SIKKIM	212	222
23a	SIKKIM(3 Gram Panchayat namely Gnathang, Lachung, Lachen)	318	333
24	TAMIL NADU	273	281
25	TRIPURA	212	212
26	UTTAR PRADESH	204	213
27	UTTARAKHAND	204	213
28	WEST BENGAL	213	223
29	GOA	294	315
30	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR		
30a	ANDAMAN	279	292
30b	NICOBAR	294	308
31	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	269	278
32	LAKSHADWEEP	266	284
33	PUDUCHERRY	273	281
34	TELANGANA	245	257