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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1296
ANSWERED ON 30/07/2024**

BUDGETARY ALLOCATION UNDER MGNREGS

1296 Shri Sudhakar Singh:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has slashed the budget allocation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) from Rs. 98,000 crore to Rs. 86,000 crore in the year 2021-22;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the said reduction in budgetary allocation would impact Bihar, which played an effective role in preventing migration out of the State and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the budgetary allocation in this regard particularly for Bihar and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)**

(a)&(b): No. The Budget Estimate (BE) for the Financial Year 2021-22 under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) was Rs. 73,000 crore, which was enhanced to Rs. 98,000 crore at Revised Estimate (RE) stage.

For the financial year 2024-25, budget allocation of Rs. 86,000 crores has been provided at the BE stage for Mahatma Gandhi

NREGS which is the highest-ever allocation under scheme for any financial year at the BE stage.

The Ministry seeks additional funds for the scheme from the Ministry of Finance as and when required to meet the demand for work on the ground.

(c)&(d): No. Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is a demand-driven wage employment scheme and there is no State/UT-wise allocation of funds under the scheme. The Government is committed to provide the required funds to all States/UTs including Bihar as per the demand for the work on the ground.

Details of funds released to the State of Bihar under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the last three financial years and current financial year 2024-25 from 2021-22 to 2024-25 (as on 24.07.2024) are given below:

Financial Years	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Central fund released to the State of Bihar (Rs. in crore)	5,407.36	6,395.28	6,200.03	3,988.86
