

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 438
ANSWERED ON 01/04/2025**

BENEFICIARIES UNDER MGNREGS

***438. ADV DEAN KURIAKOSE:**

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether labourers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) have been declining in the State of Kerala;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;**
- (c) the total number of beneficiaries of Kerala under MGNREGS during the last five years, district-wise;**
- (d) whether there is a demand from the dairy sector to include labourers engaged under the cattle fodder production as well as the related dairy sector to be included under MGNREGS; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)**

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 438 FOR 01.04.2025.

(a)& (b): 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 is a fall back option which provide livelihood security to the rural households, when no better employment opportunity is available. Details of year-wise registered workers in Kerala under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the last three financial years and the current financial year 2024-25 (as on 26.03.2025) is given below:

Year-wise registered workers in Kerala under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the last three financial years and current financial year 2024-25 (as on 26.03.2025)		
Financial year	Number of registered workers since inception (in lakh)	Workers registered during the financial year (in lakh)
2021-22	63.57	3.47
2022-23	62.52	1.81
2023-24	58.28	1.50
2024-25 (as on 26.03.25)	57.24	1.53

(As per NREGASoft)

District-wise details of registered workers in Kerala under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the last three financial years and the current financial year 2024-25 (as on 26.03.2025) is given at Annexure-I.

(c): District-wise number of workers who availed employment in Kerala under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the last five financial years from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are given at Annexure-II.

(d)& (e): As per Section 29 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA), Central Government may add new works to the permissible list of works under Schedule 1 of the Act. The revision of permissible works is a regular exercise under the Scheme. As and when any request for inclusion of any work in the list of permissible activities under

Mahatma Gandhi NREGS are received from State Government or need for the same is felt by the Central Government, the matter is examined on merit and a decision is taken.

Under the Scheme, several activities related to the dairy sector, including the creation of infrastructure for livestock promotion, such as poultry shelters, goat shelters, piggery shelters, cattle shelters, and fodder troughs for cattle are already covered. Additionally, the development of silvipasture grasslands for fodder on individual and community lands is an allowable activity under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. These provisions facilitate the construction of assets that support livestock rearing and fodder production, thereby benefiting the dairy sector.

Here, it is mentioned that as per para 4(3) of Schedule-I of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, "works which are non-tangible, not measurable, repetitive in nature such as, removing grass, pebbles, agricultural operations, shall not be taken up under the scheme".

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a)&(b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 438 dated 01.04.2025.

District-wise details of registered workers in Kerala under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the last three financial years and current financial year 2024-25 (as on 26.03.2025).

Sl. No.	Districts	2021-22		2022-23	
		Number of registered workers since inception	Workers registered during the financial year	Number of registered workers since inception	Workers registered during the financial year
1	Alappuzha	520938	17201	489340	8406
2	Ernakulam	408249	21721	401647	9708
3	Idukki	387650	17833	387954	8686
4	Kannur	387676	25876	376771	12872
5	Kasargod	274655	20800	276518	9448
6	Kollam	678381	35971	662036	17770
7	Kottayam	331014	17892	306318	9129
8	Kozhikode	575888	29165	578847	14032
9	Malappuram	604327	47666	615464	23449
10	Palakkad	549584	30476	553544	16228
11	Pathanamthitta	276051	12681	248930	6994
12	Thiruvananthapuram	692421	33336	668220	18568
13	Thrissur	402271	24364	424921	20189
14	Wayanad	267811	11649	261145	5205
	Total	6356916	346631	6251655	180684

Sl. No.	Districts	2023-24		2024-25 (as on 26.03.25)	
		Number of registered workers since inception	Workers registered during the financial year	Number of registered workers since inception	Workers registered during the financial year
1	Alappuzha	423266	6543	394466	6857
2	Ernakulam	382709	7983	377335	7813
3	Idukki	374382	7532	359739	6643
4	Kannur	348304	11285	348114	13440
5	Kasargod	269197	7791	248539	8177
6	Kollam	587668	14017	585426	14924
7	Kottayam	285560	7119	289612	6484
8	Kozhikode	530997	12199	509325	11359
9	Malappuram	605741	20764	583397	18862
10	Palakkad	543847	15949	550125	18192
11	Pathanamthitta	247890	5005	250273	5732
12	Thiruvananthapuram	558361	13694	567127	15742
13	Thrissur	428639	14891	426379	13791
14	Wayanad	240990	4838	234390	5375
	Total	5827551	149610	5724247	153391

(As per NREGASoft)

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 438 dated 01.04.2025.

District-wise number of workers who availed employment in Kerala State under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the last five financial years from 2019-20 to 2023-24						
Sl. No.	Districts	Workers availed employment (in numbers)				
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	Alappuzha	160003	177088	176534	170869	163640
2	Ernakulam	89630	98435	96541	87611	80259
3	Idukki	152107	164340	158195	142027	131981
4	Kannur	87656	107240	113071	100850	99144
5	Kasargod	77238	92685	97817	90416	85992
6	Kollam	163928	184249	191001	174240	163286
7	Kottayam	69871	85102	82550	72681	65680
8	Kozhikode	157114	188219	192610	169166	165597
9	Malappuram	96520	106373	108865	105316	103072
10	Palakkad	176360	194360	192841	182490	173531
11	Pathanamthitta	59518	68374	66198	61936	56647
12	Thiruvananthapuram	197636	223101	224023	210295	194314
13	Thrissur	94697	113193	116493	113635	103838
14	Wayanad	71851	79895	82256	77091	74641
	Total	1654129	1882654	1898995	1758623	1661622
