

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3926  
ANSWERED ON 25/03/2025**

**FUND FOR MGNREGS**

**3926. MR PATHAN YUSUF:**

**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that the funding for social welfare schemes like the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has not been adequately addressed, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) the manner in which the Government plans to support these schemes that provides a safety net for the rural poor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a)&(b): For the financial year 2024-25, budget allocation of ₹86,000 crore has been made for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS), which is the highest ever allocation for scheme at the Budget Estimate (BE) stage since inception. In the financial year 2025-26, the Government has retained this allocation at ₹86,000 crore, ensuring continued support for rural employment.**

**As Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is a demand-driven scheme, the Central Government is committed to making funds available to States and Union Territories based on the demand for work on the ground. The Ministry of Rural Development closely monitors this demand and seeks additional funds from the Ministry of Finance as and when required to meet the demand for work on the ground.**

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