

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4107
ANSWERED ON 25/03/2025**

UNEMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE UNDER MGNREGS

4107. DR. D RAVI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applicants nationwide eligible for unemployment allowance under Section 7 (1) of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and total funds disbursed during the last five years;**
- (b) the number of applicants in Tamil Nadu have qualified for unemployment allowance under MGNREGS since 2019 and the total amount disbursed, district-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government identified any challenges in the implementation of unemployment allowance payment under MGNREGS particularly in Tamil Nadu, if so, the measures taken to address them; and**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure timely disbursement of unemployment allowance and improve transparency in its calculation through MGNREGS at both the National and State levels?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Year-wise details of the number of eligible workers and unemployment allowance paid under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is given below:

Financial Year	Number of eligible worker	Unemployment allowance Paid (In Rs)
2019-20	297568	31106
2020-21	392074	247879
2021-22	420490	313463

2022-23	184320	1184487
2023-24	73316	205132

As per NREGASoft

(b): As per the NREGASoft, district-wise details of number of eligible workers and unemployment allowance paid in Tamil Nadu under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is given at Annexure.

(c)& (d): As per Section 7(1) of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 “If an applicant for employment under the Scheme is not provided such employment within fifteen days of receipt of his application seeking employment or from the date on which the employment has been sought in the case of an advance application, whichever is later, he shall be entitled to a daily unemployment allowance in accordance with this section.” Payment of unemployment allowance is the liability of the State Government.

This Ministry continuously monitors the progress regarding payment of unemployment allowance through Labour Budget meeting, Mid-term review meeting, monthly review meeting and other interaction with the States/UTs.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4107 dated 25.03.2025.

District-wise details of number of eligible workers and unemployment allowance paid in Tamil Nadu under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.			
Sl. No.	Districts	2019-2020	
		Number of eligible workers	Unemployment Allowance Paid (In Rs)
1	ARIYALUR	2	0
2	CUDDALORE	2	0
3	SALEM	99	0
4	SIVAGANGAI	55	0
5	TENKASI	36	0
6	TIRUCHIRAPPALLI	1	0
7	TIRUNELVELI	18	0
8	VIRUDHUNAGAR	15	0
	Total	228	0

Sl. No.	2020-2021		
	Districts	Number of eligible workers	Unemployment Allowance Paid (In Rs)
1	KANNIYAKUMARI	14	0
2	KRISHNAGIRI	1	0
3	Ranipet	27	0
4	SIVAGANGAI	2	0
	Total	44	0

District-wise details of number of eligible workers and unemployment allowance paid in Tamil Nadu under Mahatma

Gandhi NREGS.			
Sl. No.	Districts	2021-2022	
		Number of eligible workers	Unemployment Allowance Paid (In Rs)
1	ARIYALUR	15	0
2	CHENGALPATTU	363	0
3	CUDDALORE	113	0
4	DHARMAPURI	9	0
5	DINDIGUL	70	0
6	ERODE	4	0
7	KALLAKURICHI	165	0
8	KANCHIPURAM	14	0
9	KANNIYAKUMARI	1	0
10	KARUR	101	0
11	KRISHNAGIRI	73	0
13	MAYILADUTHURAI	800	0
14	NAGAPATTINAM	78	0
15	NAMAKKAL	453	0
16	PERAMBALUR	1	0
17	PUDUKKOTTAI	3	0
18	RAMANATHAPURAM	1	0
19	Ranipet	6	0
20	SALEM	2	0
21	SIVAGANGAI	91	1228
22	TENKASI	35	0
23	THANJAVUR	214	0
24	TIRUNELVELI	141	0
25	TIRUPATHUR	17	0
26	TIRUVANNAMALAI	70	0
27	TIRUVARUR	1	0
28	VILLUPURAM	3425	0
29	VIRUDHUNAGAR	23	0
	Grand Total	6289	1228

District-wise details of number of eligible workers, unemployment allowance to be paid and unemployment allowance paid in Tamil Nadu under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

Sl. No.	Districts	2022-2023		2023-2024	
		Number of eligible workers	Unemployment Allowance Paid (In Rs)	Number of eligible workers	Unemployment Allowance Paid (In Rs)
1	ARIYALUR	1	0	1	0
2	CHENGALPATTU	3	0	2	0
3	CUDDALORE	93	19806	13	0
4	DHARMAPURI	1	0	10	0
5	KALLAKURICHI	1	0		
6	KANNIYAKUMARI	4	0	3	0
7	KARUR	19	0		
8	MADURAI	18	0		
9	MAYILADUTHURAI			1	0
10	NAGAPATTINAM			2	0
11	NAMAKKAL	9	3374		
12	PUDUKKOTTAI	7	0		
13	RAMANATHAPURAM	1	0	1	0
14	Ranipet	1	1264	2	0
15	SALEM	6	0		
16	SIVAGANGAI	421	303191	26	0
17	TENKASI	325	0		
18	THANJAVUR	1	422		
19	THOOTHUKKUDI			2	0
20	TIRUCHIRAPPALLI				
21	TIRUNELVELI	31	0	3	0
22	TIRUPPUR			7	5950
23	TIRUVALLUR	29	0		
24	TIRUVANNAMALAI	9	0		
25	VIRUDHUNAGAR	1	0		
	Grand Total	981	328057	73	5950
