

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 235  
ANSWERED ON 16/12/2025**

**WORKER PARTICIPATION UNDER MGNREGS**

**\*235. Adv. Adoor Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the decline in worker participation in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in many States including Kerala, State-wise;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any review of declining worker participation under MGNREGS, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of worker participation under MGNREGS during the last seven years and the current year, State-wise?**

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

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA  
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REGARDING “WORKER PARTICIPATION UNDER MGNREGS”**

**(a) to (d): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) guarantees up to one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Here it is also stated that it is a fall back option when no better employment opportunity is available. Since responsibility for implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS at ground level lies with the respective State/UT Governments, the Ministry regularly reviews the implementation with State/UT in order to ensure adherence to the provisions of the Act and providing timely employment as per demand. In FY 2025-26 (as on 11.12.2025), 99.70% of rural households demanding work have been offered employment.**

**Any variations, including increase/decrease in the employment provided across States/UTs, including Kerala, depends on the demand for work made by eligible rural households and employment availed by the workers against the employment offered. While the work demanded closely matches with the work offered, the difference of work availed with the former is on account of lack of utilisation of such offering by workers. This could be on account of better employment opportunities elsewhere, illness or any other relevant factor. Further, owing to better employment opportunities elsewhere or good monsoon season demand for employment keep varying from year to year basis under the scheme.**

**In order to generate awareness about the provisions of the Scheme and to provide adequate employment opportunities to rural households under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, all States/UTs carry out appropriate Information Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns including wall paintings for wide dissemination of the provisions of the Act, expand scope and coverage of demand registration system to ensure that demand for work under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA does not go unregistered, prepare plans in a participatory mode and approve them in the Gram Sabha and ensure Organization of ‘Rozgar Diwas’.**

**The Ministry regularly reviews the implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, including trends in worker participation through various fora viz., Mid-Term Review, Labour Budget meetings, Labour Budget Revision meetings, Programme Review meetings.**

**State/Union Territory (UT)-wise details of workers provided employment under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the last seven financial years and the current financial year 2025-26 (as on 11.12.2025) is given at Annexure.**

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## Annexure

**Annexure referred in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 235 dated 16.12.2025.**

| State/Union Territory (UT)-wise details of workers provided employment under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the last seven financial years and the current financial year 2025-26 (as on 11.12.2025). |  |                             |          |           |           |          |          |          |          |
|--|--|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Sl. No.  | State/UTs                                | Workers provided employment |          |           |           |          |          |          |          |
|  |  | 2018-19                     | 2019-20  | 2020-21   | 2021-22   | 2022-23  | 2023-24  | 2024-25  | 2025-26  |
| 1  | Andhra Pradesh                           | 6909542                     | 6500099  | 7952471   | 7737145   | 7599041  | 7542774  | 7523192  | 6437654  |
| 2  | Arunachal Pradesh                        | 169235                      | 182670   | 243521    | 278558    | 287823   | 282304   | 311416   | 312296   |
| 3  | Assam                                    | 2458226                     | 2770697  | 3571816   | 3987152   | 3429176  | 3347046  | 2635656  | 1741219  |
| 4  | Bihar                                    | 3360577                     | 3832298  | 5814920   | 5411860   | 5775151  | 5383600  | 5622579  | 5003773  |
| 5  | Chhattisgarh                             | 4568868                     | 4544184  | 6017874   | 5506469   | 4719032  | 4414138  | 4483974  | 2691215  |
| 6  | Goa                                      | 1161                        | 1751     | 4365      | 3478      | 3862     | 2186     | 3192     | 2326     |
| 7  | Gujarat                                  | 1516947                     | 1326194  | 1931861   | 1843874   | 1630751  | 1511621  | 1306277  | 900961   |
| 8  | Haryana                                  | 326861                      | 364019   | 651129    | 569854    | 440703   | 524003   | 478818   | 355310   |
| 9  | Himachal Pradesh                         | 736077                      | 716133   | 891622    | 995654    | 880712   | 949218   | 1026193  | 635097   |
| 10   | Jammu and Kashmir                        | 981253                      | 920942   | 1127905   | 1085127   | 989074   | 993446   | 1055750  | 770496   |
| 11   | Jharkhand                                | 1623143                     | 1762509  | 3204487   | 3099049   | 2497483  | 2559494  | 2311373  | 2299269  |
| 12   | Karnataka                                | 3934472                     | 4108973  | 5668569   | 6361291   | 5315915  | 5402381  | 5172297  | 3631775  |
| 13   | Kerala                                   | 1708184                     | 1654129  | 1882654   | 1898995   | 1758623  | 1661622  | 1540284  | 1310876  |
| 14   | Ladakh                                   | 0                           | 37035    | 38058     | 37457     | 39176    | 36516    | 37175    | 34838    |
| 15   | Madhya Pradesh                           | 6672026                     | 6166051  | 10530733  | 9568909   | 7550368  | 6373186  | 5772978  | 5218046  |
| 16   | Maharashtra                              | 3275525                     | 2745962  | 3109789   | 3688009   | 3706159  | 4128113  | 5112002  | 5133912  |
| 17   | Manipur                                  | 570353                      | 590185   | 604230    | 593711    | 374635   | 503268   | 565784   | 513700   |
| 18   | Meghalaya                                | 679527                      | 715056   | 752426    | 731124    | 645192   | 629087   | 544506   | 459578   |
| 19   | Mizoram                                  | 199965                      | 208131   | 222695    | 213601    | 218722   | 211413   | 211355   | 216948   |
| 20   | Nagaland                                 | 416321                      | 425990   | 418825    | 463815    | 491446   | 468211   | 216384   | 271253   |
| 21   | Odisha                                   | 3366339                     | 3731602  | 6214748   | 5553162   | 5174500  | 4991241  | 3376769  | 2938674  |
| 22   | Punjab                                   | 824278                      | 908128   | 1184204   | 1072149   | 1018291  | 1015694  | 984903   | 850136   |
| 23   | Rajasthan                                | 7537391                     | 8051944  | 11097642  | 10085964  | 8807151  | 8696618  | 7723342  | 5206718  |
| 24   | Sikkim                                   | 72178                       | 67515    | 76985     | 74550     | 71020    | 70327    | 68677    | 58880    |
| 25   | Tamil Nadu                               | 6524708                     | 6488785  | 7852828   | 7995928   | 7579248  | 7939116  | 7433984  | 5739793  |
| 26   | Telangana                                | 4252199                     | 4074689  | 5428833   | 4878034   | 4544958  | 4062113  | 4244192  | 3045572  |
| 27   | Tripura                                  | 739389                      | 784279   | 833409    | 852746    | 819752   | 843062   | 813537   | 720468   |
| 28   | Uttar Pradesh                            | 6148180                     | 6450465  | 11603211  | 9543735   | 8367851  | 8128130  | 7583469  | 5528099  |
| 29   | Uttarakhand                              | 637929                      | 660783   | 909281    | 792067    | 681227   | 638095   | 575358   | 308756   |
| 30   | West Bengal                              | 7425666                     | 7968168  | 11826053  | 11121629  | 2020079  | 9415     | 0        | 0        |
| 31   | Andaman and Nicobar                      | 7080                        | 6924     | 9532      | 5715      | 5387     | 5025     | 3523     | 1508     |
| 32   | Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu | 0                           | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 2188     | 10496    | 6294     |
| 33   | Lakshadweep                              | 259                         | 124      | 75        | 24        | 101      | 77       | 0        | 0        |
| 34   | Puducherry                               | 35931                       | 43092    | 53406     | 41030     | 45511    | 58705    | 50264    | 50034    |
|  | Total                                    | 77679790                    | 78809506 | 111730157 | 106091865 | 87488120 | 83383433 | 78799699 | 62395474 |

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