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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.765
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2016

POVERTY REDUCTION UNDER MGNREGS

765. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

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

- (a) the details of estimated percentage of rural men and women working under MGNREGS, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that as per the study by the Indian Human Development Survey (IHDS), MGNREGS has contributed to almost a third of the poverty reduction in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to streamline and strengthen the MGNREGS to include more poor people who are deprived of the benefits of the Act; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): The estimated percentage of rural men and women working under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is not maintained in the Management Information System (NREGASoft).

(b)&(c): Yes, Madam. The Government is aware of the [National Council of Applied Economic Research](#) (sponsored by Indian Human Development Survey) study report that estimates the poverty reduction due to Mahatma Gandhi NREGA.

The Report on 'Poverty reduction due to MGNREGA' states that:

- MGNREGA's contribution to reducing poverty is about 32%. In the absence of MGNREGA-induced consumption, poverty among the participants would have been 38.0% in 2011–12, not 31.3%.
- MGNREGA prevented 14 million persons from falling into poverty (those non-poor in 2004–05 who would have become poor by 2011–12 without MGNREGA employment).
- In spite of a high initial poverty rate (75.8% in 2004–05), poverty among adivasis was reduced by 27.6% and for dalits by 37.6%.
- MGNREGA is more effective in poverty reduction in less developed areas (34%) than in more developed areas (27%)
- Low-participating areas experienced much greater poverty reduction (72%) than areas with a high participation rate (27%).

(d)&(e): To generate awareness about the provisions of the Scheme and to provide adequate employment opportunities to rural households including poor people under MGNREGA, all States/UTs have been requested for the following: -

- (i) Initiate appropriate IEC campaigns including wall paintings for wide dissemination of the provisions of the Act.
- (ii) Expand scope and coverage of demand registration system to ensure that demand for work under MGNREGA does not go unregistered.
- (iii) Organize 'Rozgar Diwas' periodically to capture latent demand under the programme and to disseminate awareness about the provisions of the Act.
