

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Issue regarding pending wages under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (MGNREGA) in Kerala.

ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE: I would like to draw the kind attention of hon. Minister of Rural Development regarding the serious issue of pending wages of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme.

Sir, all of us know this was the flagship programme of UPA-I Government and it is a number one poverty eradication programme in our country. But all over India, all over Kerala, especially, in my own district, since last June, Rs.53.5 crore is pending. Fund is not getting transferred. This is a critical situation. The poor people cannot meet the essential financial obligations.

Hence, I urge upon the Government to transfer the pending wages immediately. Otherwise, the poor people will suffer and the rural India will suffer a lot. So, the Minister of Rural Development has to intervene immediately. That is my request.

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