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Title: Demand to increase daily wages/ rates for unskilled workers, semi-skilled workers and skilled workers and number of working days under the MGNREGA programme.

SHRI ASIT KUMAR MAL (BOLPUR): Hon. Speaker Sir, I would like to draw your kind attention to several crores of daily labourers who are engaged in 100 days job programme under the MGNREGA all over the country. The unskilled labourers get only Rs. 191. The semi-skilled get Rs. 286 and skilled labourers get only Rs. 382 as daily wages for labour.

At this time of high market price, I think it is quite impossible to make both ends meet with this minimal wages. It is not possible to satisfy their hunger thrice a day fully. How will they get proper treatment and medicine for family members. How will they buy dresses for their children? How will they send their children to schools and colleges?

So, I would like to place a proposal for increasing their daily wages from Rs. 191 to 300 for unskilled workers, from Rs. 286 to 500 for semi-skilled workers and from Rs. 382 to 600 for skilled workers per day. I also request you to increase the number of working days from 100 to at least 200 days for maintaining their family affairs.

I hope the hon. Prime Minister will consider my proposal sympathetically. I invite all the Members of the House to support my proposal by thumping the tables cheerfully.

