

Re: Release of pending dues under MNREGA to West Bengal

PROF. SOUGATA RAY (DUM DUM): I would like to raise an important issue pertaining to West Bengal. Total Central dues towards West Bengal under MGNREGA currently stands at above Rs. 7,000 crore. The people of West Bengal feel sad that the Union Government is depriving us on this count. West Bengal Government appeals to the Union government to release the funds for payment under the 100-day job scheme and not deprive the poor people of their legitimate dues. Despite being deprived of the Central funds under the MGNREGA Scheme, the State Government had been able to create 10 lakh man-days, under which jobs have been provided to 10 lakh of job-card holders. As regards the housing scheme, both the Union and the State Governments have their shares of contribution under this scheme. Hence, I urge upon the Government to take urgent steps to release the pending dues of MGNREGA to West Bengal with immediate effect.