

Regarding release of the pending dues of MGNREGA to West Bengal-laid

PROF. SOUGATA RAY (DUM DUM): The total central dues to West Bengal in MGNREGA is above Rs 7,000 crore and in PMAY is above Rs. 8,000 crore. The total dues towards West Bengal from the Central Government pertaining to various schemes is above Rs. 1,50,000 crores. The West Bengal Government has formed a committee comprising six secretaries to discuss with Central Government for the early release of dues in various central schemes. West Bengal appeals to the Union Government to release the funds for payment of MGNREGA. Despite being deprived of the Central Funds under the MGNREGA, State Government had been able to create 10 lakh Man-days. As regards housing scheme, Union Government wants to take the sole credit of the scheme. "But the reality is that both the Union and the State Governments have their shares of contribution under this scheme. Despite the Union Government's reluctance to release Central Funds, the State Government is determined to go ahead with its project for developing the rural road network in the state. I urge upon the Government to release the pending dues of MGNREGA to the State of West Bengal with immediate effect.