

Regarding need to increase employment opportunities, salaries under MGNREGS

SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR (ZAHIRABAD): Sir, as the House is aware, the prestigious flagship scheme of MGNREGS started 18 years back under the able and dynamic leadership of Dr. Manmohan Singh ji, during the regime of UPA Chairperson and our beloved Shrimati Sonia Gandhi ji.

During the year 2024-25, the total number of active workers working under the MGNREGS are 59.03 lakhs in the Telangana State, and there are 13.11 crore active workers in the country working as Rozgar Sevaks (Field Assistants). They are the backbone of the scheme and they are getting a meagre salary of around Rs. 10,000 only. There is a need to increase it to Rs. 35,000 because of the sacrifices of their own and their families. The scheme has become very much success but their financial conditions still have not improved.

A total of 7,612 Field Assistants are working in Telangana. There is a need to adopt a uniform policy to adjust the workers from all the States because Telangana has less number of workers in the scheme. The Centre should bear 100 per cent expenditure of this scheme as the States have less budget.

Therefore, I request the hon. Minister of Rural Development through the Chair, to kindly consider increasing the manpower to increase the employment opportunities under the MGNREGS and to get their services regularized by treating them as full-time employees, as permanent workers, to provide regular and more and more livelihood to make it a success.

माननीय सभापति: बैलेट सूची के सभी 20 माननीय सदस्यों को बोलने का अवसर मिल गया है। यदि आप सब एक-एक मिनट लें, तो जिनके नाम बैलेट में नहीं हैं, उनके भी नाम लिए जाएंगे। कोशिश यह है कि जिनके बैलेट अभी तक नहीं आए हैं, उनको भी मौका दिया जाए।