

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF EMPLOYEES FOR IMPLEMENTING NREGS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether shortage of employees has been mentioned by States in implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this has affected implementation of NREGS; and
- (d) if so, the action taken/to be taken by the Union Government to overcome the situation?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to d) Non availability of adequate staff for implementation of NREGA had been reported by some States. They have been advised to recruit staff either on contract basis or on deputation in order to ensure effective implementation of the Act. State Governments have also been informed that the expenditure on the staff, training, and other administrative expenses will be chargeable to Central Government within the prescribed ceiling. Besides, a proposal seeking to raise the ceiling of administrative expenses from present 2% to 4% has been approved by the Union Cabinet. Enhanced ceiling of administrative expenses will enable States to provide more staff.