

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF MGNREGS ON AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether staffing of labour from fields to Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has led to decline in the productivity of agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any study to assess the situation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the further action proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

- (a): No reference has been received in the Ministry indicating decline in the productivity of agriculture due to staffing of labour from fields to MGNREGS.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) to (e): Government has not commissioned any study in this regard. However, studies have been conducted by professional institutions to assess the impact of MGNREGA in rural areas. None of the studies has revealed any adverse effect of MGNREGA on agricultural produce due to shortage of labour arising after inception of the Act.