

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT DAYS UNDER MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the average number of employment days provided to each household to whom a job-card guaranteeing the number of 100 days employment was issued during each of the last two years and current year under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) the average daily income for the family/household getting employment for 100 days;
- (c) whether the said income is sufficient enough for improving the living standard and educating the children;
- (d) if so, the extent thereof and if not, whether the Government proposes to increase the number of days of employment under MGNREGS; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. C.P. JOSHI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement as referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 255 for answer on 15.3. 2010.

(a): Mahatama Gandhi NREGA is demand based. The Act provides a legal guarantee for 100 days of wage employment in a Financial Year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Mere issuance of a job card to a household does not guarantee 100 days of employment to the household. A job seeker has to give an application in writing demanding for work. Therefore, number of days of employment provided to a household depends on the number of days of employment demanded by the household. As per reports available from the States, average number of days for which employment has been provided was 42 days in 2007-08, 48 days in 2008-09 and has been 50 days during 2009-10 so far.

(b): The average daily income for a household who has got employment for 100 days during the current year so far is Rs. 90/-.

(c): The objective of Mahatama Gandhi NREGA is to supplement the income of a rural household and is not the only means of earning livelihood for the rural population. The workers are free to avail any other employment opportunities available to them.

(d) & (e): At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the number of days of employment under Mahatama Gandhi NREGA.