

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SOCIAL PROTECTION THROUGH MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to the report on Global Employment Trends 2010 there has been much progress in extending social protection through Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme(MGNREGS) which also helped in maintaining levels of consumption and poverty;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): In a report titled ` Global Employment Trends January 2010` by International Labour Office (ILO), the following comments pertaining to South Asia region have been made:

` While there has been much progress in extending social protection in the region through initiatives such as India`s National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), which has provided a significant buffer during the crisis, helping to maintain levels of consumption, poverty and vulnerable forms of employment remain widespread and represent tremendous challenges that must be overcome.`