

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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JOB CARDS TO WOMEN UNDER MGNREGS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that millions of single women particularly widows, working women etc. are deprived of job cards under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme(MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to protect the interests of single women under MGNREGS?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): A household is the basic unit for issuance of job card and providing employment under Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act. As per reports received from various States, 1.29 crore job cards have been issued to women headed households. 73.56 lakh single women household have been issued job cards under Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act.

(c): Para 27 of Schedule-II of the Act provides for work-site facilities such as safe drinking water, shade for children and periods of rest, first-aid box with adequate material for emergency treatment for minor injuries and other health hazards connected with the work being performed. Para 28 further provides that the women workers may bring their children below the age of six years to the work site and a woman worker shall be deputed to look after such children in case the number of children is five or more.