

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SEPARATE INDEX FOR MGNREGS WAGES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a task force under the Chief Statistician of India to create a separate index for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) wages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the recommendations made by the task force and the Government's decision thereon?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. In pursuance of the announcement made by Hon'ble Finance Minister in his budget speech 2009-10 to provide a real wage of Rs. 100/- per day as an entitlement under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation constituted a committee to develop a mechanism to evolve a framework to create a separate index for updation of MGNREGA wages. Ministry of Rural Development has also constituted a Working Group on wages to study and formulate indexing methods for arriving at a real wage of Rs. 100 per personday.

(c): The Committee has, so far, not made any recommendations in this regard.