

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has recently made a suggestion to expand the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) so as to cover every person in the family as against the present norm of one person per family;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has accepted the suggestions of the Commission;and
- (d) if so, the time by which the MGNREGS will be extended to benefit the persons in the family?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir. Under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, 100 days of wage employment is guaranteed, on demand, to every rural household for doing unskilled manual work. Any number of adult members of a household whose names have been included in the job card may take up employment under the Act subject to an overall ceiling of 100 days per household in a financial year.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.