

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6  
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TECHNICAL EMPLOYEES UNDER MGNREGS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is a shortage of technical employees under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS); and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the redressal of the problem?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir. Shortage of technical personnel with the implementation agencies under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA has been reported to the Ministry.

(b): With a view to resolve the issue of shortage of technical personnel in the Blocks and Gram Panchayats for effective implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, Government has approved deployment of two engineers per 6000 population of rural households. In North-eastern States and Hill States, two engineers may be deployed per 3000 population of rural households. The expenditure on account of deployment of such engineers is to be met out of the component of administrative expenditure of 6% of the total expenditure under the Act which is paid by the Central Government.