

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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WATER CONSERVATION WORKS UNDER MGNREGS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of water conservation works undertaken under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the said works sustainable enhanced water conservation in the country during the said period;and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): State-wise details are given in Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. From a number of studies conducted to assess the impact of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA it has been revealed that after the launch of the Act, there has been a rise in the water table due to a large number of water conservations works taken up under the Act. Due to improved irrigation facilities, agricultural productivity and cropping intensity has also increased.