

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:367

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IMPACT OF MGNREGS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether independent monitoring verification by national level monitors, visit of Central Employment Guarantee Council, State/District level Vigilance Committees and social audit conducted in regard to the effective implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has yielded the desired results;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the major deficiencies noticed by the above agencies during the last two years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of MGNREGS in arresting the migration of workers from rural areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. C. P. JOSHI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement as referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 367 for answer on 6.12.2010

(a)&(b): Independent monitoring and verification by National Level Monitors, members of Central Employment Guarantee Council, State/District level Vigilance & Monitoring Committees and through social audit for effective implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA is a regular process. Their reports are shared with the concerned State Governments and are also posted on the MGNREGA web site www.nrega.nic.in. States are asked to take necessary corrective steps and rectify the discrepancies/shortcomings pointed out in these reports.

(c): Areas identified by these agencies mainly relate to (i) deployment of qualified and dedicated staff at Block and Gram Panchayat level especially technical staff for full MIS operationalisation (ii) need to strengthen banks and post offices outreach in rural areas (iii) need for awareness generation (iv) training of PRIs (v) better planning and (vi) more transparent monitoring and social audits.

(d)&(e): Yes, Sir. National Institute of Administrative Research (NIAR), Mussoorie and the National Institute for Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad conducted studies during 2009-10 titled 'Stemming Migration (Uttar Pradesh), Impact of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS on SCs and STs (Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh and Bihar), Changing Gender Relations through Mahatma Gandhi NREGS (West Bengal)'. The study has revealed that there is reduction in migration as well as in the number of days of migration from rural areas after the launch of MGNREGA. Chhattisgarh study found that the number of days of migration have reduced by an average of 15 days.