

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
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MGNREGS IN DROUGHT AFFECTED STATES  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has been used in drought affected States during this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which MGNREGS has helped in overcoming the effects of drought;
- (d) whether MGNREGS is being geared up to meet other calamities in future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Mahatma Gandhi NREGA is applicable in rural areas of all States including drought affected States.

(c): As reported by the States, in the districts affected by drought, 3.19 crore households were provided employment under MGNREGA out of a total of 5.26 crore households provided employment during 2009-10 in the country. 4908821 households completed 100 days of employment and average persondays of employment per household in these districts was 57 days against national average of 54 days.

(d) & (e): Advisories dated 27.10.2009 had been issued to drought and Left Wing Extremist-affected States to take steps to ensure full enjoyment of rights by the rural households under MGNREGA. A copy of the advisory is available on the web site of MGNREGA [www.nrega.nic.in](http://www.nrega.nic.in).