

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT DAYS UNDER MGNREGS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of guaranteed days of employment to be provided to the workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted an expert group in this regard;
- (d) if so, the recommendations made by the expert group; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make this Scheme more effective?

Answer

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

- (a): No Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): No Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e): The efforts made by the Government to make MGNREGS more effective and improve performance in States under the scheme include the following measures:
 - (i) Permissible administrative expenditure limit has been enhanced from 4% to 6% for deployment of dedicated staff for MGNREGA, strengthening of management and administrative support structures for social audit, grievance redressal and ICT infrastructure.
 - (ii) Instructions have been issued directing all States to appoint Ombudsman at district level for grievance redressal.
 - (iii) The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Audit of Schemes Rules, 2011 have been notified in the Gazette on 30th June, 2011.
 - (iv) ICT based MIS has been made operational to make data available to public scrutiny including Job cards, Muster rolls, Employment demanded and allocated, number of days worked, shelf of works, Funds available/spent and funds released to various implementing agencies, Social Audit findings, registering grievances and generating alerts for corrective action.
 - (v) Payment of wages to MGNREGA workers has been made mandatory through their accounts in Banks/Post Office to infuse transparency in wage disbursement.
 - (vi) District Excellence Award for districts with outstanding performance under MGNREGA
 - (vii) Rozgar Jagrookta Puraskar for NGOs working towards effective implementation of MGNREGA.