

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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JOB CARD HOLDERS UNDER MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of job card holders and the persons provided employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during each of the last three years and current year, State and UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has identified the reasons for not providing employment to all the job card holders under the Scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to debar those job card holders not demanding jobs over a long period of time; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

- (a): Details of the cumulative number of households issued jobs cards and number of households provided employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during the last 3 years and current year as reported by States/UTs, are given in Annexure.
- (b) & (c): MGNREGA provides a legal guarantee of wage employment to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work subject to an overall ceiling of 100 days of employment per household in every financial year. Para 1 of Schedule-II of MGNREG Act stipulates that adult members of every household who reside in rural areas and are willing to do unskilled manual work may apply for registration of their household for issuance of a job card. However, under the Act, mere issuance of a job card does not entitle a household to receive employment. Under Para 9 of Schedule II of the Act, the household also has to submit application for work to be entitled to receive employment. Therefore, the number of households having job cards and provided employment has to be seen against the number of households who demanded employment. As employment is provided on demand, households provided employment depend on demand for employment.
- (d): No sir
- (e): Does not arise.