

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Government is planning a cut in allocation under Mahatma Gandhi National rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and other flagship schemes;

(b) If so, the facts and reasons therefore; and

(c) The manner in which the Government plans to meet the requirement of funds in order to achieve and maintain an ideal balance between economic growth and social justice?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) and (b) : There is no general decision to cut allocation under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and other flagship schemes. However, Revised Estimates for Schemes are prepared in consultation with respective Ministry/Department after duly taking into consideration the trend in expenditure, absorptive capacity and unspent balance with implementing agencies. As per the budgetary procedure, the Revised Estimates of current year is presented along with budget for the next financial year.

(c) While making the annual plan allocations to Ministries/Departments for various Schemes, the Planning Commission duly factors in the goals of inclusive economic growth.