

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MANDAYS UNDER MGNREGS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of mandays generated in the country under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the quality of life of labourers has improved as a result of implementation of the Scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the total number of households registered under the scheme, State-wise;
- (e) the total number of households provided 100 days and less than 100 days employment and the total expenditure incurred during the said period, State-wise; and
- (f) the various types of works undertaken and completed in Maharashtra during the said period and expenditure involved therein?

Answer

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

(a): The details of total number of persondays generated under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during the last three years and current year as reported by States/UTs are given in Annexure-I.

(b): Yes sir.

(c): Feedback from the field and independent assessments suggest that MGNREGA has helped bring about improvement in the quality of life of labourers. The multiplier effects of the programme include livelihood diversification in rural areas, increase in household income, increase in per capita food consumption and increase in savings. The framework and provisions of MGNREGA has contributed toward the larger objective of generating productive employment, empowering rural women and promoting social equity. Some of these studies are:

Study by Indian School of Business, Hyderabad indicating that MGNREGA has significantly led to increase in the monthly per capita expenditure on food by Rs. 25.80 (9.6%) and on non-food consumption by Rs 11.17 (23%). It has found that the programme has improved food security by a significant reduction in the number of meals fore-gone by households per week and has raised the probability of holding savings for a rural household by 21% and the per capita saving has increased by Rs. 18.60. The health outcomes impacted by the program include a significant reduction of 12% in the incidence of reported depression and improvements in mental health indicators.

Study by Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore indicating reduction in water, agriculture and livelihood vulnerability indices on account of MGNREGA.

(d): The details of cumulative number of households issued job cards under MGNREGA as on 16.3.2012 as reported by States/UTs are given in Annexure-II

(e): The total number of households provided employment under MGNREGA and the number of households which were provided 100 days of employment and total expenditure incurred during the last three years and current year as reported by States/UTs are given in Annexure-III.

(f): The details of works under MGNREGA undertaken and completed during last three years and current year in Maharashtra and expenditure involved as reported by the State are indicated in Annexure-IV.