

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SURVEY ON MGNREGS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted a survey on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in various States including Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a survey report `MGNREGS Sameeksha` has been released;

(d) if so, whether facts regarding person-days, wages, coverage and shortcomings under the Scheme have been highlighted in the said report;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Ministry has requested National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) to conduct survey on implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. NSSO has completed the survey and has given preliminary reports to the Ministry.

(c): Yes sir.

(d) to (f): It has been brought out that since its inception, around Rs 1,10,000 crore has gone directly as wage payment to rural households under MGNREGA and 1200 crore person-days of employment have been generated. The report also highlighted that there is evidence to suggest that MGNREGA has contributed to increased rural wages, reduced distress migration from traditionally migration intensive areas, increased usage of barren areas for cultivation, empowerment of the weaker sections giving them a new sense of identity and bargaining power etc. MGNREGA Sameeksha is an analytical anthology of all major research studies done on MGNREGA that were published in academic journals or came out as stand-alone reports to serve as a useful reference and resource publication to stimulate further field-level research.