

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ACTIVITIES UNDER MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any review has been made in respect of the expenses incurred over the years under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the funds released under the scheme are being utilized in drought and flood affected areas; and
- (d) if so, the details of funds released to different States for these activities along with the amount spent by them during the last three years and current year, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Implementation of schemes formulated under Section 4 of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is the responsibility of the States/UTs. There is a comprehensive system of monitoring and review of the implementation of all the programmes of the Ministry, including MGNREGA, which inter-alia include Periodic Progress Reports, Performance Review Committee meetings, Area Officers' Scheme, National Level Monitors and Vigilance & Monitoring Committees at the State and District levels.

(c) & (d): The primary objective of MGNREGA is to enhance the livelihood security of the rural households, by providing on demand up to 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a year to every rural household for doing unskilled manual work. Creation of durable assets and strengthening the livelihood resource base of the rural poor is also an important objective of the Act. Schedule-I of MGNREGA as amended from time to time lists the category of works on which the Schemes formulated by State Governments under Section 4(1) of the Act for giving effect to the provisions of the Act shall focus upon. These primarily include water harvesting and irrigation, land development, plantation, environmental protection and conservation, sanitation, horticulture, livestock, water and soil conservation works, drought proofing, afforestation, works relating to augmenting natural resource base for improving rural economy, rural connectivity etc. No separate funds are released for drought and flood affected areas under MGNREGA. The details of total amount of central funds released and total expenditure incurred under MGNREGA during the last three years and current year, as reported by States/UTs are given in Annexure.