

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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HIKE IN COST OF CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cost of cultivation has increased as a result of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to accept the recommendations of the National Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices regarding creation of a link between MGNREGS and farming and commissioning farm work on fields of farmers thereunder;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which the Government proposes to implement the said recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

- (a) &(b): The Commission for Agricultural Cost and Prices(CACP) has pointed out that the agricultural wage rate has recorded a perceptible increase from 2006-07 onwards with the introduction of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). The annual increase in the wage rate is varying from about 14.5% to 21.5% during 2007-08 to 2011-12 as reported by CACP.
- (c) to (e): Guidelines for Convergence of MGNREGA with Programmes of Ministry of Agriculture are already issued. Government has notified 30 new works under MGNREGA, majority of which are related to agricultural and allied activities.