

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the cost of agricultural production has increased due to implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) so far;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to accept the recommendation of linking MGNREGA to cost of agricultural production and agricultural works with a view to containing the adverse impact of the said rise; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) has pointed that the agricultural wage rate has recorded a perceptible increase from 2006-07 onwards with introduction of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).
- (b) & (c): Guidelines for convergence of MGNREGA with Programmes of Ministry of Agriculture are already issued. Government has notified many works under MGNREGA, majority of which are related to agriculture and allied activities.