

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RURAL WAGE GROWTH RATE

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise average rural wage growth rate during the current year and the last five years;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of the decline in growth of average daily rural wage rate, if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the average rural wage growth has been lowest in the last ten years;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the low rural wages has attributed to cut in funds under MGNREGS leading to improper implementation of the scheme; and
- (f) if so, the action taken by the Government to ensure growth in rural wages and to improve livelihood opportunities in rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Labour and Employment maintains the data of the rural wages annually. As per the data furnished by them, the average daily wages of rural unskilled workers for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 indicate a positive but fluctuating trend. No data has been furnished by them for 2014. State-wise wage and growth rates for the year 2010 to 2013 (upto Oct, 2013) are given in Annexure.

(e) No. There has been no cut in the MGNREGA funds, nor was there any dip in the MGNREGA wage rates for any State during the current year as compared to the last year.

(f) Does not arise.