

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the schemes under implementation for generation of employment opportunities for women in rural areas particularly in Rajasthan, UP and Bihar and the employment generated during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated, released and utilised by the States under the schemes during that period, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the targets fixed and the achievements made regarding generation of employment opportunities for women in rural areas during the 12th Five Year Plan ; and
- (d) the other measures taken/being taken by the Government for socio economic development of rural women?

**Answer**

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

(a) : Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) as a major employment generation programme in rural areas of the country including Rajasthan, UP and Bihar. The MGNREGA provides a legal guarantee for 100 days of employment in a financial year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. While providing wage employment, priority shall be given in such a way that at least one-third of the beneficiaries shall be women who have registered and demanded for work under the scheme. The employment generated for women under MGNREGA for the last three years and current year including Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are given at Annexure-I.

(b)& (c): The MGNREGA is a demand driven scheme, therefore no target is fixed as such under the programme. The details of central fund released and expenditure incurred under MGNREGA during 12th Five Year Plan is given at Annexure-II.

(d): Besides MGNREGA, the Ministry is implementing Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana National Rural Livelihoods Mission, Deen Dayal Upadhaya Grameen Kaushalaya Yojana, Indira Awaas Yojana and Integrated Watershed Management Programme in rural areas of the country as a part of overall planning process through State Governments and UT Administrations. The objective of these programmes is to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life to people in rural areas through employment generation, development of rural infrastructure and provision of other basic amenities.