

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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CONVERGENCE OF MGNREGS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has linked the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) with Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Swachh Bharat Mission and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Koushal Yojana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the guidelines issued by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The Government has linked the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) with Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Koushalya Yojana.

The plan of action with a model estimate has been communicated to the States for road side tree plantation along National Highways and PMGSY roads under MGNREGA. The road side plantation under this plan on National Highways shall be implemented in convergence with NHAI, where material component of estimate would be contributed by NHAI by de-positing the same with the State Employment Guarantee Fund under MGNREGA.

As a part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the State Governments have been requested to identify the Gram Panchayats which have adequate material component under MGNREGA for taking up individual toilets on a saturation basis totally from MGNREGA funds so that the Gram Panchayats as a whole will become 'open defecation free'. Ministry of Rural Development has issued guidelines vide Ministry of Rural Development's letter No. J-11017/41/2011-MGNREGA (Part) dated 25th November, 2014 and advisory vide letter no. J-11017/41/2011-MGNREGA (Part) dated 19th January, 2015 for operationalising the above.

The Ministry has formulated a "Project for Livelihoods in Full Employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Project LIFE- MGNREGA)" in April 2015 and communicated to all States vide letter no. J-11060/08/2015-MGNREGA- V dated 15th April, 2015. The project has been formulated in consultation with Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojna (DDU-GKY) and National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM).

The Project LIFE-MGNREGA aims at promoting self reliance and improving the skill base of the MGNREGA workers, and thereby improving the livelihood of the MGNREGA workers, so that they can move from current partial employment to full employment. All States have been asked to prepare the plans in this regard. The implementation is likely to be started in the mid of July.