

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT UNDER MGNREGS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) with new skill drive for better employment opportunities in the country and abroad, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has made estimates of the cost of such upgradation of the MGNREGS, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the cost likely to be shared by States in such upgradation;
- (d) the details of the workers likely to be benefitted with such upgradation, State/ UT-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government has received requests from various State Governments for additional funds under MGNREGS, if so, the details thereof, State- wise along with the action taken/being taken by the Government on such requests so far?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam. The Ministry has formulated a Project for providing Livelihoods in Full Employment for skilling the unskilled workers working in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. The project has been formulated in consultation with Deen Dayal Upadhaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojna (DDU-GKY) and National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). The Project aims at promoting self reliance and improving the skill base of the MGNREGA workers, and thereby improving the livelihood of the workers, so that they can move from current status of partial employment to full employment status. States have been asked to prepare the plans.

(b)to(d):The total cost involved in this skilling programme and the modalities of sharing will be known after the States prepare the Project reports. It is proposed that about 14 lakh households which completed 100 days of work in 2014- 15 and having a member below 35 years of age would be considered for this Project.

(e) Request for release of funds has been received from several States/UTs. These requests are examined based on the Labour Budget, the performance and pace of utilization of available funds and compliance to guidelines issued.