

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6694
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SCS STS UNDER MGNREGS
Nayak Shri B.V.

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the participation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has come down over the years by approximately 50 per cent in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): No Madam. The participation of SCs and STs in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has been high. The persondays used by SCs and STs stood at 40 per cent of the total person- days created during the last three years, which exceeds their share in the total population. State/UT-wise details of the percentage of persondays generated by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes beneficiaries under the MGNREGA during the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure.