

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Changes in MGNREGS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make certain changes in the existing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the changes in respect of drought affected areas and the districts identified therefor along with the additional financial implications under the scheme;
- (c) the number of watershed management programmes running and yet to be operationalised in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to start the work to identify, demarcate and making a record of all the water bodies in the villages and if so, the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a): No Madam. Several changes have already been affected in the programme design in July 2014 to improve the quality of the assets and bring focus on agriculture and irrigation.
- (b): A proposal to provide an additional 50 days of unskilled manual work in a financial year for households completing one hundred days of work in areas where drought or a natural calamity has been notified by the State Government. The exact financial implication and account of this higher entitlement in the areas affected natural disasters depends on actual demand.
- (c): The State/UT-wise details of total number of watershed management programme (new and spillover works) taken up under MGNREGA till 17th July, 2015 are given in Annexure.
- (d): The work of identification and demarcating the water bodies does not lie within the purview of this Ministry.
