

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Status of MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in comparison to other States Punjab is the worst performer in terms of implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned, released and expenditure incurred under MGNREGS during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Punjab; and
- (d) the details of funds released to the beneficiaries with particular reference to the vulnerable sections of the society under MGNREGS during the said period, State/UT-wise including Punjab?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is a demand-driven wage employment programme. Not less than 100 days of employment are provided to registered workers upon receipt of their demand. The number of days of employment provided to a household depends on the number of days of employment demanded by the household. The demand for work itself is influenced by various factors such as rainfall pattern, availability of alternative and remunerative employment opportunities outside MGNREGA and prevailing unskilled wage rates. Government remains actively engaged with State Governments in establishing systems that ensure provision of work as per demand. Details of average man-days in State/UT including Punjab generated under the MGNREGA during last three years and the current year are given in Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): MGNREGA is a demand driven programmes hence no State/UT- wise allocation of fund is made. The Central funds are released to the States/UTs including Punjab on the basis of agreed to Labour Budgets and taking into consideration the performance and the pace of utilization of available funds. Details of amount released for implementation of MGNREGA and expenditure to State/UT including Punjab under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the last three years and the current year is indicated in Annexure-II.
