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Appraisal of MGNREGS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware about poor execution of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) across the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that due to delay of payments and reduction in allocations under MGNREGS the rural development has been badly affected;
- (c) if so, the details of allocation and disbursal of the funds for the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Ministry has any plan to execute this scheme effectively to fulfil the development process of the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (c): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has (i) reduced distress migration among rural poor, (ii) smoothened rural consumption in the lean season (iii) set high standards in transparency, (iv) addressed under-employment problem (v) created assets that improved livelihoods (vi) gave boost to the financial inclusion (vii) strengthened Gram Panchayats (viii) improved the wage levels in rural areas and thereby increasing the income levels of the poorest of poor (xi) set standards for decent working conditions and (x) helped in bringing fallow lands into cultivation.

The programme has also faced challenges of (i) delays in payment of wages (ii) Irregularities in implementation (iii) poor technical capacity to implement large number of works and (iv) poor quality of assets created. The details of release of funds for the last three years in States/UTs are at Annexure-I

(d)&(e): The major steps taken by the Government to improve the programme implementation under MGNREGA are given in the Annexure-II.

(f): Does not arise.
