

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether some State Governments including Karnataka are facing financial difficulties in meeting the increasing cost of wages under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to increase the fund allocation to these States under MGNREGS;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) to (e) Funds are released to States in two to three tranches duly considering the progress of work, approved Labour Budget, the utilization certificate and the funds available with the State. This year, since not more than 1/3rd of budgetary allocation can be released during the period covered by the Vote on Account, some States experienced shortage of funds for implementing the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. However, requirements of the States, including Karnataka, would be addressed after approval of the regular Budget by the Parliament.