## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4110 ANSWERED ON:07.08.2014 WAGE DAYS UNDER MGNREGS Dubey Shri Nishikant

## Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that not a single State across the country has been able to provide jobs to rural unemployed persons for 100 days in a year on an average under Mahatma Gandhi National RuralEmployment Guarantee Scheme(MGNREGS) during the last three years;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take steps in this direction in order to fulfil the primary objective of MGNREGS that guarantees 100 days jobs to the rural workers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

## **Answer**

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

- (a) 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. State/UT-wise details of households provided employment as demanded by job card holders and households completed 100 days of employment during the last three years are indicated in the Annexure.
- (b) & (c) To ensure adequate employment opportunities to rural households under MGNREGA, the States/UTs have been requested for the following:
- # Initiate appropriate IEC campaigns including wall paintings for wide dissemination of the provisions of the Act.
- # Expand scope and coverage of demand registration system to ensure that demand for work under MGNREGA do not go unregistered.
- # Organize 'Rozgar Diwas' periodically to capture latent demand under the programme and to disseminate awareness about the provisions of the Act.
- # Formulation of a specific plan to include special categories of vulnerable people viz. persons with disabilities, primitive tribal groups, nomadic tribal groups, de-notified tribes etc.
- # Adoption of appropriate programme flexibility to ensure reaching of benefits of MGNREGA to the primitive tribal groups, de-notified tribes and nomadic tribes.
- # Organisation of workers into labour groups to ensure powerful demand-side pulls for improving performance of MGNREGA.