

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRAINING OF WORKERS UNDER MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from various quarters to conduct training programmes for workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in order to upgrade the quality of their output;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government propose to introduce skill development programmes for MGNREGS workers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam. However, the Ministry has rolled out a comprehensive training and capacity building programme on planning of works and preparation of labour budgets for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) functionaries at State/District/ Block levels with a view to ensure quality, durable and productive assets in rural areas.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c)&(d) MGNREGA aims at enhancing the livelihood security of people in rural areas by guaranteeing hundred days of wage-employment in a financial year to a rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Being an unskilled rural public works programme, there is no scope for executing skill development and vocational training activities under MGNREGA. However, MGNREGA workers are permitted to take advantage of the programme convergence with other skill development oriented schemes and programmes implemented in rural areas of the country.