

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS UNDER MGNREGS
Adsul Shri Anandrao

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has reduced the funding of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the very purpose of the MGNREGS to guarantee employment to all those who demanded work for 100 days has been defeated;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam. The allocation for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the Budget Estimates (BE) for 2014-15 has been enhanced to Rs,34,000 crore against the last year's BE of Rs.33,000 crore.

(c) to (e) No, Madam. MGNREGA is a demand-driven wage employment programme and work is provided to all registered workers upon receipt of their demand. In order to streamline the process of registering the demand for work, guidelines have been issued to all States to hold `Rozgar Diwas` periodically in all villages.