

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN WORKERS UNDER MGNREGS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number and percentage of women, Dalit and Adivasi workers provided employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the employment of women workers has decreased over the years especially in Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether wide ranging social benefits and productive assets have been created under MGNREGS; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

- (a) The person days generated by women, SCs and STs in absolute and percentage terms as reported by the States/UTs during the last three years and in the current year are given in Annexure-I.
- (b)&(c) The participation of women in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has been increasing every year starting from 48.12% (2011-12) to 55.91% (2014-15 upto 1st Dec 2014). Even in Uttar Pradesh, where women participation has been below the statutory level of 1/3rd, there has been steady improvement from 17.18% (2011-12) to 24.70% (2014-15 upto 1st Dec 2014). With a view to improving Women participation in UP, it has been suggested vide Advisory dated 7th Aug 2014 to plan for improving the women participation by identifying Mates from best women workers, open bank accounts for all women workers and by developing separate schedule of rates for women dominated work.
- (d) & (e) The MGNREGS has succeeded in creating several community and individual assets such as bringing fallow lands into cultivation, creating irrigation sources or renovating the existing sources, developing horticulture and afforestation, formation of rural roads etc. The details of works completed under MGNREGA, State/ UT-wise during the last three years and in the current year are given in Annexure-II.