

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds released to different States and Union Territories for works under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and the actual amount released till date during the current year indicating the criteria for release of funds;
- (b) whether the Government has encountered any seasonal/cyclic patterns in terms of availability of labour under MGNREGS;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government proposes to tackle such issues for timely completion of projects under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

- (a) The Central funds released under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during the current year (up to 2.12.2014) are at Annexure.
- (b) & (c) It has been observed that most of the demand for works is in the post-agricultural season starting from January and continuing till June each year.
- (d) The completion of works taken up under the programme is monitored regularly by the Ministry. All implementing agencies have been advised to complete the works taken up first before opening new works. As a result of this, overall 67% of works have been completed including the works taken up during the current year.