

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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RELEASE UNDER MGNREGS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the States/Union Territories which have been released funds less than the expenditure they incurred in the previous year under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) indicating the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether some States including Odisha have requested the Union Government for additional funds under MGNREGS;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, and the reaction of the Government thereto, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to stop temporary/ raw works being taken up under MGNREGS and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any study has been conducted by the Government with regard to advantages and disadvantages of MGNREGS; and
- (f) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

- (a) The release of funds for implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) depends on the agreed to Labour Budget, the performance and pace of utilization of available funds. Since the current financial year is yet to be closed, it is not possible to compare funds released this year with that of the previous year.
- (b)&(c): Request for release of funds has been received from several States/UTs including Odisha. These requests are examined based on the Labour Budget, the performance and pace of utilization of available funds and compliance to guidelines issued.
- (d) All works under MGNREGA are to be productive works. Specific instructions have been issued not to take up works which are of recurring, non-asset creating nature.
- (e) & (f) Research studies conducted in the past on the impact of MGNREGA indicate that this wage employment programme, which guarantees up to 100 days of wage employment to rural households on demand, has improved water and soil conservation measures, increased cultivable