

Seventeenth Loksabha

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**Title: Regarding Re-listing the Coffee Cultivation Work under MGNREGA.**

**KUMARI GODDETI MADHAVI (ARAKU):** Thank you, hon. Chairman, Sir, for this opportunity. Coffee cultivation work undertaken by tribal farmers in Andhra Pradesh's Araku valley and Paderu area, earlier included under MGNREGA, was removed from the Scheme by the Union Government in September, 2020.

The Government's decision to delist the work from MGNREGA has adversely affected around 1.60 lakh tribal farmers in Andhra Pradesh, who depended on coffee cultivation as their main source of agricultural income.

Sir, I request the hon. Minister of Rural Development to relist the coffee cultivation work under MGNREGA as coffee grown in these areas exclusively by tribal farmers is a special case. The discontinuation of wages under MGNREGA has affected a lot of coffee producers and plantation workers in Andhra Pradesh.

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