

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme- Laid.

ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH (ATTINGAL): The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) plays a significant role in addressing the issue of rural distress. Millions of rural workers in the country depend upon the scheme for their survival. Everybody agrees that the Scheme could efficiently save the rural poor during pandemic. Still, the Union Government is neglecting the Scheme and the Scheme is facing many implementation issues. Wages being paid under MGNREGS remain below the minimum wages in many states. Considering the rural inflation, the wages should be revised. There is continuous demand from the beneficiaries and various state Governments for revision of wages and increase in the number of guaranteed working days under MGNREGS. Similarly, complaints about delay in distribution of wages are being reported from many states. I request the Government to take immediate measures to address these issues and better implementation of the scheme.