

**Regarding timely release of MNGEGA funds to develop infrastructure of government schools in rural areas**

**SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO (BOLANGIR):** Many Government schools across the country in rural areas continue to lack basic facilities like sufficient classrooms, boundary walls, kitchen sheds, dining halls, toilets, approach roads, etc. which are excluded from the current guidelines of MNREGA.

These deficiencies impact not only the safety and hygiene of students but also their ability to learn in a conducive environment.

Sir, there are also many complaints about delayed payments especially the labour component in the MNREGA work and even after completion of work, people have to wait for months to receive payment.

As MNREGA is a social security scheme with the objective of generating employment to arrest migration of labour, if this payment gets delayed, then the entire purpose of this scheme gets defeated.

Therefore, I urge the hon. Minister of Rural Development to take immediate steps to streamline the fund release process, ensure timely wage payments and promote convergence of MNREGA with school infrastructure development on priority by amending the current guidelines. Thank you, Sir.