

***Regarding reported fall in rural employment generation in Andhra Pradesh under MGNREGS-Laid**

SHRI P. V. MIDHUN REDDY (RAJAMPET): MGNREGA MIS data recently compiled covering April to September 2025 shows a significant and worrying fall in rural employment generation in Andhra Pradesh during the first half of the 202526 financial year. Person days dropped by 13.6 per cent, which is notably steeper than the national average decline of 10.4 per cent. Household participation also fell from 42.79 lakh to 40.74 lakh. The data further highlights disproportionate impacts on vulnerable social groups. Person days for Scheduled Caste workers declined by 18.7 per cent and for Scheduled Tribe workers by 17 per cent, compared with an 11.3 per cent fall among other categories. The decline in work availability has translated into reduced household earnings. Average income generated per MGNREGA household fell by 4.8 per cent, from ₹10,695 in 202425 to ₹10,178 in 202526. I urge the Ministry of Rural Development to urgently intervene by expanding labour budgets, addressing Aadhaar-related access barriers and ensuring timely wage payments to stabilise rural livelihoods and prevent further distress.