

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Decline of Employment Opportunities under MGNREGS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether employment opportunities under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) have declined during the current year as compared to the previous year and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of number of persons who had sought employment under the said scheme during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 along with the number of persons provided employment, State/UTwise; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that the demand for employment under the said scheme is fulfilled?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): No Madam. State/UT-wise details during the year 2015-16 (as on 31st December, 2015) and 2016-17 (as on 31st December, 2016) are given at Annexure-I.

(b): The State/UT-wise details of households provided employment as demanded by job card holders under MGNREGA during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 (as on 24.01.2017) is given in Annexure-II.

(c): MGNREGA is a demand driven wage employment programme. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005 provides for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the States/UTs by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Funds for programme implementation including for employment generation are released to the States after verifying the performance, utilisation of funds released, and as per the agreed to Labour Budget. The Government is actively engaged with State Government in establishing systems that ensure provision of work as per demand, transparency and accountability.
