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Title: Demand to release funds under MGNREGA to Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Hon. Speaker Madam, my name was called for the last four days but I did not get a chance. I thank you for giving me this opportunity. ...(*Interruptions*) This is a very important issue for my state of Andhra Pradesh which is one of the leading States to successfully implement MGNREGA during the last three years. ...(*Interruptions*) In fact, over the last three years projects worth Rs. 12,000 crore have been taken up. For 2017-18, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has prepared action plan worth Rs. 8,000 crore for implementation under MGNREGA. This august House knows that Andhra Pradesh is going through a financial crisis and the delay in release of funds by the Government of India is really affecting us. ...(*Interruptions*) It is delaying implementation of projects related to asset creation and creating problem in giving wages to workers in time apart from other problems. More than Rs. 3,200 crore is yet to be released by the Union Ministry of Rural Development to the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Delay in release of funds is affecting more than 2,500 works taken up under MGNREGA. ...(*Interruptions*) Out of Rs. 3,200 crore, Rs. 2,000 crore is due for 2016-17 and Rs. 1200 crore are due for 2017-18. Despite severe financial crisis, the Government of Andhra Pradesh spent Rs. 1650 crore from its coffers due to delay in release of funds ...(*Interruptions*) The Chief Minister of

Andhra Pradesh has met the hon. Union Minister for Rural Development and requested for release of dues under MGNREGA but no action has been taken so far. So, I would request the hon. Minister for Rural Development to immediately direct the officials concerned to release funds without any further delay. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Pushpendra Singh Chandel is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Shri Jayadev Galla.

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(At this stage, Shri P. Karunakaran, Shri M.B. Rajesh and some other

hon. Members left the House.)