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title: Need to release dues of wages under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Attappadi tribal area in Palakkad Parliamentary Constituency, Kerala.

SHRI M.B. RAJESH (PALAKKAD): Attappadi tribal area in my Palakkad parliamentary constituency in Kerala is one of the most backward areas in the entire state. National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) is an important source of livelihood for the predominantly adivasi population in Attappadi. However these poor adivasi are not getting timely payment of their wages under NREGS. Presently, the payment is made directly to the beneficiaries under Electronic Fund Management System (EFMS). However, there is a long delay in disbursing the wages. Currently, there is a huge dues amounting to almost two crores for both skilled and unskilled workers. Hence I urge upon the Government of India to take immediate steps to release entire dues at the earliest and to ensure proper payment of wages in future.