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Title: Need to increase the number of man-days under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Tripura.

**SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA (TRIPURA WEST)** : Since 2011-12 financial year to last financial year 2015-16 Tripura stood first in implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). This is a record throughout the country that a small state like Tripura is continuously in the forefront to provide work amongst the MGNREGS card holders and in the recently concluded financial year, it managed to provide 94 days work. With such a good record, naturally, one can hope that Tripura would get allocation for more man-days in the recent financial year. But it has been found that the Central Governments' Rural Development Ministry has proposed to decrease 1,92,36,000 man days as compared to previous financial year. While in his budget speech hon. Finance Minister stated that this year MGNREGS allocation would be more than the previous year, I strongly urge upon the Rural Development Ministry to recast their budget proposal for Tripura and also increase man days for the current financial year.