

1	2	3
10	Kurnool	898
11	Mahbubnagar	1344
12	Medak	1085
13	Nalgonda	1180
14	Nellore	975
15	Nizamabad	718
16	Prakasam	1036
17	Rangareddi	705
18	Srikakulam	1101
19	Visakhapatnam	961
20	Vizianagaram	929
21	Warangal	1014
22	West Godavari	891
TOTAL :		21881

Achievements of NREGA, project

2736. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made so far in NREGA projects in the country on average and also in different States in terms of days for labourers in the year 2008-09 and 2009-10;

(b) the lacunae in the way to achieve cent per cent performance, both in respect of days per labourer and in respect of output of a particular project, as experienced by Government upto now; and

(c) the steps Government contemplates to remove these lacunae and increase the working days from 150 to 200 a year for those who participate in the scheme regularly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) National average and State-wise average number of days of employment provided per household during 2008-09 and 2009-10 (up to May,09) is given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(b) NREGA is demand based. Number of days of employment provided to a household depends on the number of days of employment demanded by the household. Therefore, no targets can be fixed under the Act. As per reports received from the States, 2.10 crore households during 2006-07, 3.39 crore during 2007-08, 4.49 crore during 2008-09 and 1.59 crore during 2009-10 (up to May, 09) have been provided employment under NREGA.

(c) To strengthen the implementation of NREGA, Ministry of Rural Development has taken various steps. These include strict monitoring, social audit, development of a web based Management Information System (MIS), inspection of works, establishment of a National toll free Helpline for grievance redressal, wage payment through worker's accounts in banks/post offices and awareness generation about NREGA through intensive IEC activities.

There is no proposal under consideration of the Ministry for increasing the number of guaranteed days of employment on demand beyond 100 days.

Statement

Statewise average number of work days provided per house hold

Sl.No.	States	Average number of working days provided per household	
		2008-09	2009-10 (upto May-09)
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	48	22
2	Arunachal Pradesh	43	18
3	Assam	40	26
4	Bihar	26	17
5	Chhattisgarh	55	22
6	Gujarat	25	27
7	Haryana	42	23
8	Himachal Pradesh	46	23
9	Jammu & Kashmir	40	33
10	Jharkhand	48	33
11	Karnataka	32	28
12	Kerala	22	10
13	Madhya Pradesh	57	31
14	Maharashtra	46	28
15	Manipur	75	8
16	Meghalaya	38	9
17	Mizoram	73	29
18	Nagaland	68	20
19	Orissa	37	28
20	Punjab	27	7

1	2	3	4
21	Rajasthan	76	33
22	Sikkim	51	24
23	Tamil Nadu	37	25
24	Tripura	64	43
25	Uttar Pradesh	53	25
26	Uttaranchal	35	19
27	West Bengal	26	12
28	Goa	0	NR
29	A & N Island	17	13
30	D & N Haveli	25	13
31	Daman & Diu	NR	NR
32	Lakshadweep	60	18
33	Pondicherry	13	NR
34	Chandigarh	NR	NR
National Average		48	25

Uplifting BPL population

2717. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- the total population of India living below poverty line, State-wise;
- the improvement seen in the status thereof during the last three years; and
- the present policy of Government for upliftment of people living Below Poverty Line (BPL)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission estimates the percentage and number of persons living below the poverty line at national and State level, separately in rural and urban areas from the large sample survey on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years following the methodology contained in the Report of the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor (Lakdawala Committee). The latest estimate of the percentage and number of persons living below the poverty line is available for the year 2004-05 based on the large sample survey of consumer expenditure data of the 61st Round (July 2004-June 2005) of the NSSO. According to this, 30.17 crores persons (27.5% of the total population) lived below the poverty line in 2004-05.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.