

Ministry of Rural Development has also notified a minimum wage rate under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) subject to ceiling of Rs. 100/- per day by the Centre where BPL families are also covered.

**Problem of agricultural labour in short supply**

†2104. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the problem of getting agricultural labourers for agricultural work is arising in rural areas after the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would try to find out the facts of this problem by conducting a survey through any institutions in case no such information has been received; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to solve the problem of shortage of agricultural labourers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) No reference has been received in the Ministry indicating difficulty in getting labourers for agricultural work after the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**NLUP in Mizoram**

2105. SHRI LALHMING LIANA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposal received from the State Government of Mizoram for implementation of its flagship programme "New Land Use Policy" (NLUP);

(b) whether Government has approved Rs. 2416 crores for implementation of NLUP in Mizoram;

(c) if so, whether the fund has been released; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the proposed date of release of fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SISIR ADHIKARI): (a) With the objective of undertaking a comprehensive programme for inclusive development, the Government of Mizoram has submitted a revised proposal to take effective steps for proper management of two resources viz. land and water under the New Land Use Policy (NLUP). The basic objective of the programme is comprehensive and integrated development for

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.