

harvesting are first priority activities under MGNREGA. Section 16(1) of MGNREGA provides that Gram Panchayats shall be responsible for identification of projects in the Gram Panchayat area to be taken up under the scheme as per the recommendations of the Gram Sabha and Ward Sabhas. In accordance with Section 16(5) of the Act, at least 50% of the projects by cost are to be executed by the Gram Panchayats. Section 13(1) of MGNREGA provides that the Panchayats at district, intermediate and village levels shall be the principal authorities for planning and implementation of the schemes made under the Act.

Achievements made under MGNREGS

†3708. SHRI SHANTA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount allocated by Government for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during 2010 along with the amount spent thereon;
- (b) the number of people employed during this period and the number of man days earned; and
- (c) the details of permanent assets created with this amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is demand based. Funds to be released by the Centre under the Act to States/UTs in a financial year, is based on the labour demand at the field level projected by the concerned State Governments/UTs. During 2010-11 an outlay of Rs. 40100 crore was allocated and central funds amounting to Rs.35,769 crore were released to States/UTs for the programme.

(b) During 2010-11 as reported by States/UTs, 549.47 lakh households were provided employment under MGNREGA and 257.15 crore persondays generated.

(c) During 2010-11 as reported by States/UTs, about 50.95 lakh works under MGNREGA were in progress and 25.90 lakh works were completed.

Non-utilisation of IAY funds in Rajasthan

3709. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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