

RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, 15th May, 2012/25th Vaisakha, 1934 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN

Ms. REKHA (Nominated)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*541. Questioner (Shri K.E. Ismail) was absent.

Shortfall in spending under MGNREGS

*541. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the spending under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has gone down considerably this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith total funds released and total work days created under the scheme, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has made any assessment to find out the reasons for this shortfall;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government's attention has been attracted to the fact that delay in payments and low rate of wages is making the scheme unpopular; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH) :

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The total expenditure incurred under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) as reported by States/UTs for 2011 -12 was Rs. 37303.30 crore compared to Rs. 39377.30 crore in 2010-11. The data reported by States/UTs for 2011-12 is till 27.4.2012 with data from the States of Bihar, Jammu