

**Performance of MGNREGA**

756. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that less than three percent households were able to get the promised 100 days of employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the dismal performance of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No Sir, in 2013-14, 46.59 lakh households constituting about 10% of the households worked have availed 100 days work. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is a demand driven programme. The number of days of employment provided to a household depends on the number of days of employment demanded by the household. The demand for work itself is influenced by various factors such as rainfall pattern, availability of alternative and remunerative employment opportunities outside MGNREGA and prevailing unskilled wage rates.

**Decrease in allocation of funds under MGNREGA**

757. SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allocation of funds for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has been brought down from ₹ 34000 crore to 31,000 crore in the mid-year revision of the Budget;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the delay in release of funds to the States has affected the payment of wages to the workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No Sir, revised Budget Estimate for