

**Shortage of funds under MGNREGA**

118. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 12 States under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) are in negative balance and the scheme had been facing acute shortage of funds during the past several months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these States have already exhausted their funds and are shutting down the programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the necessary steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHAUDHARY BIRENDER SINGH): (a) and (b) Ministry of Finance has allocated ₹ 2000 crore as additional funds under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the month of March, 2016 during FY 2015-16. These funds were released to the States in the month of March, 2016. State-wise release position for the year 2015-16 is given in Statement-I [Refer to Statement-I appended to the answer to USQ No.117 (Part (a) to (c))].

During the year 2016-17, the Budget provision under MGNREGA is ₹ 38500 crore. Budget provision under Vote on Account stage is ₹ 19664 crore. Against this, an amount of ₹ 1555904.38 lakh has been released to the States (including ₹ 155922.98 lakh released to NeFMS States on daily basis) out of the sanctioned amount of ₹ 533730.13 lakh till 22.04.2016. State-wise release position is given in Statement-II (See below).

(c) and (d) MGNREGA is a demand driven programmes hence no State/UT- wise allocation of fund is made. The Central funds are released to the States/UTs on the basis of agreed to Labour Budget and taking into consideration the performance and the pace of utilization of available funds. Several steps have been taken by the Central Government for effective implementation of MGNREGA from time to time. The latest initiatives taken by the Central Government includes starting of National Electronic Fund Management System (NeFMS) in 11 States (Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala Odisha Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and Utrakhand), launching of Dashboard for tracking of pending Fund Transfer Orders, Public Fund Management System, electronic Fund Management System, Direct Benefit Transfer etc.

**Statement-II***(A) Central funds released to MGNREGA States during 2016-17*

Sl. No.	States	NeFMS (2505)	NeFMS (2nd Part of 1st Tranche)	Grand Total
1	2	3	4	5(3+4)
1.	Assam	14324.90	42353.2	56678.10
2.	Bihar	44202.80	44328.60	88531.40
3.	Haryana	2928.10	1727.40	4655.50
4.	Karnataka	26114.64	6649.30	32763.94
5.	Kerala	38985.50	16778.60	55764.10
6.	Odisha	33166.82	21910.40	55077.22
7.	Punjab	9414.51	2524.80	11939.31
8.	Rajasthan	42930.73	55267.50	98198.23
9.	Tripura	4027.83	2904.80	6932.63
10.	Uttar Pradesh	70468.30	34428.40	104896.70
11.	Uttarakhand	14188.00	4105.00	18293.00
	TOTAL	300752.13	232978.00	533730.13

*(B) Central funds released to MGNREGA States during 2016-17*

(₹ In lakh)

Sl. No.	States	NeFMS amount released	Funds release to districts	Funds release to State Employment Guarantee Fund	Total
1	2	3	4	5	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0.00		282042.20	282042.20
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	6984.60	6984.60
3.	Assam	12976.63	0.00	0.00	12976.63
4.	Bihar	16429.61	0.00	0.00	16429.61
5.	Chhattisgarh	0.00	0.00	102119.70	102119.70
6.	Gujarat	0.00	0.00	5120.40	5120.40

1	2	3	4	5	6
7.	Haryana	1454.29	0.00	229.50	1683.79
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0.00		4376.30	4376.30
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	0.00	0.00	40809.02	40809.02
10.	Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	78916.70	78916.70
11.	Karnataka	0.00		61055.85	61055.85
12.	Kerala	29048.77	0.00	0.00	29048.77
13.	Madhya Pradesh	0.00		140716.20	140716.20
14.	Maharashtra	0.00	0.00	81729.80	81729.80
15.	Manipur	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16.	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	42350.20	42350.20
17.	Mizoram	0.00	0.00	1992.14	1992.14
18.	Nagaland	0.00	0.00	44232.00	44232.00
19.	Odisha	15461.37		27579.38	43040.75
20.	Punjab	9036.76		711.88	9748.64
21.	Rajasthan	22626.48		37139.47	59765.95
22.	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	2753.70	2753.70
23.	Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.00	74976.60	74976.60
24.	Telangana	0.00		120299.90	120299.90
25.	Tripura	679.66	0.00	3696.46	4376.12
26.	Uttar Pradesh	43416.93		0.00	43416.93
27.	Uttarakhand	4792.49	0.00	721.20	5513.69
28.	West Bengal	0.00		239130.40	239130.40
29.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands		0.00		0.00
30.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli		0.00		0.00
31.	Daman and Diu		0.00		0.00
32.	Lakshadweep		0.00		0.00
33.	Puducherry		297.80		297.80
34.	Goa	0.00	0.00		0.00
TOTAL		155922.98	297.80	1399683.60	1555904.38