238	Written Answers to	[RAJYA SABHA]			Unstarred Questions		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
18.	Siliguri	49.20	45.41	31.02	28.18	28.7	14.35
19.	South Dinajpur	60.96	30.48	38.44	0	35.56	0
20.	Alipurdaur			38.44	19.22	35.56	0
	Total	1298.20	785.79	851.66	454.09	787.86	536.19

Fixing of MGNREGA workers output and wages

- 285. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had asked the States to carry out a study to fix output for MGNREGA wages;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that a worker's output is expected to vary across States because of differences in the nature of terrain;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has found that the present difference in output or schedule of rates is unreasonable;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that in April, 2018, the work under MGNREGA will only be awarded of as per new schedule rates; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) The Ministry has constituted a Committee in 2017 which observed significant divergence in Schedule of Rates across States. The Committee has recommended that all States/UTs implementing MGNREGA should have MGNREGA specific schedule of rates based on Time and Motion study and there should be a progression towards convergence on Schedule of Rates across the States to minimize the variations.
 - (d) No Sir.
 - (e) Does not arise.