

**Steps for boosting rural economy and generation of  
employment opportunities**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to boost the rural economy of the country and generate employment opportunities among the youth of the rural areas;
- (b) the details thereof along with achievements made so far in this regard; and
- (c) the financial assistance provided to the States for creating necessary infrastructure in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR):

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development has been taking various steps to boost the rural economy and generate employment opportunities. These include, implementation of *inter alia*, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhays-Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Skill development through Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) etc.

MGNREGS is a demand driven wage employment programme. The details of persondays generated by States/UTs during the last two years and current financial year 2019-20 (as on 11.07.2019) are as under:—

Financial Year	Persondays generated (in crore)
2017-18	233.74
2018-19	268.07
2019-20 (as on 11.07.2019)	94.63

Source: [www.nrega.nic.in](http://www.nrega.nic.in)

PMGSY is a one-time special intervention of the Government of India to provide rural connectivity by way of a single all-whether road to the eligible unconnected habitations. Since inception till 10.07.2019, a total of 6,01,907 KM road length has been constructed under various interventions/verticals of the Scheme.

DDU-GKY is a placement linked skill development programme for wage employment. Similarly, the RSETIs enable trainee to take bank credit and start their own Macro-enterprise. The physical achievements under both the schemes during the last two years and current financial year are as under:—

Financial Year	DDU-GKY		RSETI	
	Total No. of candidates trained	Total No. of candidates placed	Total No. of candidates trained	Total No. of candidates settled
2017-18	131527	75787	423343	350097
2018-19	228955	135809	403672	296307
2019-20	43358 (till June, 2019)	35296	41323 (till May, 2019)	22952

DAY-NRLM has been implemented with the objective of organizing the rural poor women into Self Help Groups (SHGs) and continuously nurturing and supporting them to take economic activities till they attain appreciable increase in income over a period of time to improve their quality of life and come out of abject poverty. Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) is a sub-scheme under DAY-NRLM which focuses on empowerment and livelihood enhancement of women farmers in rural areas through training in sustainable agricultural practices. Under MKSP, about 36 lakh women farmers have been covered all across the country.

Under PMAY-G, beneficiaries are provided unit assistance of ₹1.2 lakh in plains and ₹1.3 lakh in hilly States, difficult areas and IAP districts for construction of pucca houses. Till date, 90,90,737 houses have been constructed across the country. The PMAY-G also engages training of rural masons with objective of improving workmanship and quality of construction of houses. As on 31.03.2019, 76891 candidates were enrolled for rural mason training, out of which 46563 were assessed and 38463 masons have been certified.

(c) Under MGNREGS, during the current FY 2019-20 (as on 11.07.2019), an amount of ₹ 31,098.81 crore has been released to States/UTs for running the programme. Under PMGSY, a sum of ₹ 1,86,275 crore has been released to the States for implementation of the Scheme. Under DAY-NRLM, till 31st May, 2019, ₹2430.29 crore has been provided to 17778808 SHGs as Revolving Fund and ₹6411.11 crore has been provided as Community investment Support Fund to 935185 SHGs.