

special intervention to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations in the core network. The details of projects sanctioned to the State of Bihar, projects completed and road length balance to be completed under PMGSY are as under:-

Year	Sanctioned length (km)	Completed Length (km)	Balance Length (km)
2014-15	-	-	-
2015-16	-	-	-
2016-17	3777.89	3479.37	298.52
2017-18	2316.53	1123.98	1192.55
2018-19	690.85	280.83	410.02
TOTAL	6785.27	4884.18	1901.09

The Government of Bihar has intimated that some of the road projects under PMGSY are pending for completion due to land dispute, forest clearance etc.

Expansion in scope of MGNREGA scheme

2222. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to expand the scope of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) Scheme by increasing the guaranteed number of days of employment and the kind of works permissible under the scheme, in order to accelerate rural demand in the wake of the general slowdown of the economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have demanded relaxation of the bar on the use of machines to tackle rocky terrain in the works undertaken; and

(d) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to increase the guaranteed number of 100

days of wage employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS). However, the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is reviewed on regular basis and based on the inputs received from the stakeholders. Government considers amending the list of permissible works in the Schedule of the Act.

(c) and (d) Para 22 of Schedule-I of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA), 2005 lays down that "as far as practicable, works executed by the programme implementation agencies shall be performed by using manual labour and no labour displacing machines shall be used". There may be activities in executing works which cannot be carried out by manual labour, where use of machine may become essential for maintaining the quality and durability of works. A suggested list of activities and machines which can be used under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA is given in the Statement.

Statement

Suggested list of activities and machines which can be used

Mahatma Gandhi NREGA

Sl. No.	Name of work as per para 4.(1) of Schedule-1, MGNREGA	Name of Activity	Name of Machine(s) that can be used
1	2	3	4
1.	II. Category B: (i) Improving productivity of lands, dug wells	(i) The excavation/ deepening of dug well	(i) Pump set for dewatering, (ii) Tractor mounted Compressor hammer for rocky strata, (iii) Lifting device/ Chain pulley (motorised)
2.	IV. Category D: (ii) Road connectivity	(i) Compaction of earthen embankment in 15 to 23 cm layers, at optimum moisture content	(i) Power Roller (ii) Trailer mounted water browser

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		(ii) Compaction of morum/ gravel in 15 to 20 cm layers at optimum moisture content	(i) Static smooth wheeled roller of 8-20 ton weight. (ii) Trailer mounted water browser
		(iii) Mixing of cement concrete.	(i) Mechanical Mixer
		(iv) Compaction of cement concrete	(i) Mechanical Vibrator
		(v) Cutting of joint in Cement Concrete	(i) Concrete joint cutter
3	IV. Category D: (v) Construction of building	(i) RCC Footing, Column, Beam and Roof	(i) Mechanical mixer and Mechanical vibrator.
4	IV. Category D: (vii) Production of building materials	(i) For compressing Compressed Stabilised Earthen Blocks (CSEB)	(i) Machine for CSEB, such as Aurum Press, Cinvaram, Terstara, Mardini, TARA-Balram, etc.
		(ii) For production of fly ash bricks/ blocks	(ii) Pan mixer & Brick/block making machine (Vibratory table/ Hydraulic press)
5	I. Category A: (v) Afforestation, tree plantation in common and forest lands	(i) Digging pits for plantation, which cannot be done manually in Usar areas, where there is Kankar pan and soil is alkaline with pH more than 8.5.	(i) Mechanical Auger