

Demand of additional funds for MGNREGA

3192. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had written to the Ministry of Finance about three months ago demanding an additional ` 20,000 crore for MGNREGA, but had received no response;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measure Ministry proposes to take so that this rural scheme does not suffer?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) to (c) In the current Financial Year 2019-20, a Budget Estimate of ` 60,000 crore was made for Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment programme and due to increase in demand, Ministry had requested the Ministry of Finance for enhancing the Budget Estimate. Accordingly, Budget Estimate has been subsequently enhanced from ` 60,000 crore to ` 71,001.81 crore. Fund release to the States/UTs is a continuous and dynamic process and Central Government is committed to making funds available keeping in view the demand for work. The Ministry seeks additional fund for implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS from the Ministry of Finance as and when required for meeting the demand for work.

Revision of MGNREGS wages

3193. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering revision of the wages being paid under MGNREGS to remove the anomaly in the wage payments;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to enhance the days under MGNREGS and also to introduce ease of doing business for its proper implementation; and

(c) the details thereof?