

(b) the measures being taken by Government to pump in and refurbish with the new funds for meeting the expenditure of projects taken up under MGNREGS?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) and (b) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Schemes (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment programme. Release of funds to States/UTs under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a continuous process and Central Government is committed to making funds available to the States/UTs keeping in view the demand for work.

During the Financial Year 2020-21, the Budget Estimates is of ₹ 61,500 crore for Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. In order to meet additional demand for work due to return of workers from urban areas to rural areas, Government has decided to provide an additional allocation of ₹ 40,000 crore under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, raising the total availability to ₹ 1,01,500 crore during the current financial year 2020-21. The Ministry seeks additional fund for Mahatma Gandhi NREGS as and when required for meeting the demand for work on the ground.

Non-release of central allocation under Annapurna scheme

788. SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is fully responsible for Annapurna Scheme, a scheme which aims at providing food security to meet the requirement for senior citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Central allocation under this scheme was not released for Odisha in FY-2019-20;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) when would the Ministry release the Central allocation of rice to the State of Odisha?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) and (b) Annapurna Scheme is a component of National Social Assistance

Programme (NSAP), implemented by Ministry of Rural Development. Under Annapurna scheme, 10 kgs of food grains (wheat or rice) is provided per month per beneficiary. The Scheme aims at providing security to meet the requirements of those eligible old age persons who have remained uncovered under the Old Age Pension Scheme. Food grains under the Annapurna scheme is allocated by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on the recommendation of Ministry of Rural Development (as per the food grain UC submitted by States/Union Territories and funds for availing allotted food grains are released by Ministry of Rural Development.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. During 2019-20, as per the requirement submitted by the State of Odisha, 3888.00 MT of rice was allocated to the State and ₹ 552.61 lakh was released to the State under Annapurna scheme.

**Funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under national rural /
livelihood mission**

789. SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) in the country, including Telangana, during the last three years;

(b) the details of the targets set and achievements made so far under this mission;

(c) whether Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with any NGOs under this Mission;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government would collaborate with Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty(SERP) of Telangana Government to bring more employment opportunities, especially for rural women; and

(f) if so, the response thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) The details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) in the country,