

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 622**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2021

PROVISION OF RURAL EMPLOYMENT AFTER LOCKDOWN

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether action has been taken by Government to provide employment opportunities to the youth of the rural areas of the country, particularly after lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**  
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a)&(b): The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS), is a demand driven wage employment programme. A rural household, adult members of which agree to unskilled manual work, is entitled for hundred days of wage employment. During the current financial year 2020-21 (so far), more than 1.6 crore new job cards have been issued. Total number of person worked during the current FY 2020-21 (so far) is 10.28 crore which is 30% more than that of the FY 2019-20. The Government enhanced the allocation under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA for the Financial Year 2020-21 from BE Rs.61,500 crore to Rs.1,11,500 crore and more than 324 crore persondays have been generated so far under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA.

Government of India has launched Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) of 125 days on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for returnee migrant workers and similarly affected citizens in rural area, in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. The objectives of the Abhiyaan were to provide immediate employment & livelihood opportunities to the distressed, to saturate the villages with public infrastructure and creation of livelihood assets to boost the income generation activities and enhance long term livelihood opportunities by giving focus on 25 works in 116 selected districts across 6 States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. A total of 12 Ministries/Departments of Government of India has participated in the Abhiyaan. A total of 50.78 Crore Persondays employment has been generated during the Abhiyaan.

Deen Dayal Upadhyay-Grameen Kaushal Yojana (DDU-GKY), of this Ministry is a placement linked Skill development programme for wage employment. Under this programme a total number of 36933 candidates have been placed in jobs in the current financial year 2020-21 (so far).

Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs) of this Ministry is a skill development programme which enable trainees to take bank credit and start his/her own micro enterprises. Under this programme a total number of 93874 candidates have been settled in the current financial year 2020-21 (so far).

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