

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2207**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/08/2024

**PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN MGNREGA**

2207 SHRI C. VE. SHANMUGAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the participation of women in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has come down to its five year low level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether as per the provisions of MGNREGS the women should be given priority, therefore, one-third of its beneficiaries should be women;
- (d) if so, whether the said provision has been complied with by the States; and
- (e) if so, the details of such States?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)

(a) & (b): No. The rate of participation of women in Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the last five financial years at the National level is given below:

Financial Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Women participation rate (%)	54.79	53.19	54.82	57.47	58.89

(As per NREGASoft)

(c)to(e): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand-driven wage employment Scheme. However, as per Para 15 of Schedule-II of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, “Priority shall be given to women in such a way that at least one-third of the beneficiaries shall be women who have registered and requested for work.

This provision is intended to promote gender equality and ensure that women have equitable access to employment opportunities under the scheme.

State/UT-wise rate of participation of women in Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the last five financial years from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is given at Annexure.

The responsibility of implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is vested with the Government of States/UTs. However, the Ministry has a comprehensive system of monitoring and review mechanisms under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. The Ministry regularly reviews the performance of the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS on various parameters, including women's participation with States/UTs through Mid-Term Review, Annual Action Plan, Labour Budget Revision meetings and Performance Review Committee Meetings etc.

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Annexure referred in reply to parts (c)to(e) of RajyaSabhaUnstarred Question No. 2207 dated 09.08.2024

State/UT-wise rate of participation of women in Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the last five financial years from 2019-20 to 2023-24						
Sl. No.	State/UTs	Women participation (%)				
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	Andhra Pradesh	60.07%	57.24%	57.81%	60.51%	60.56%
2	Arunachal Pradesh	40.47%	41.33%	44.73%	45.88%	47.83%
3	Assam	41.77%	44.08%	47.57%	47.52%	50.59%
4	Bihar	55.83%	54.63%	53.19%	56.39%	54.27%
5	Chhattisgarh	50.70%	50.50%	51.62%	53.21%	54.09%
6	Goa	75.59%	76.55%	78.40%	78.40%	72.09%
7	Gujarat	45.13%	46.51%	46.62%	47.81%	46.99%
8	Haryana	50.59%	48.80%	52.67%	59.59%	61.05%
9	Himachal Pradesh	62.75%	61.05%	62.53%	64.82%	64.07%
10	Jammu and Kashmir	32.93%	31.67%	33.34%	30.68%	32.16%
11	Jharkhand	41.31%	42.56%	45.61%	47.56%	47.83%
12	Karnataka	49.12%	49.47%	50.13%	51.93%	52.82%
13	Kerala	89.80%	90.49%	89.61%	89.82%	89.27%
14	Ladakh	60.65%	61.46%	62.23%	61.82%	63.66%
15	Madhya Pradesh	38.12%	40.49%	41.05%	41.80%	43.32%
16	Maharashtra	43.41%	42.93%	43.67%	44.74%	43.94%
17	Manipur	48.99%	52.03%	52.58%	50.88%	52.74%
18	Meghalaya	50.51%	51.37%	50.61%	51.53%	57.40%
19	Mizoram	50.86%	56.82%	47.75%	48.14%	48.89%
20	Nagaland	35.63%	36.31%	38.15%	42.91%	44.77%
21	Odisha	43.30%	44.74%	46.14%	47.96%	49.06%
22	Punjab	58.79%	56.92%	60.42%	66.59%	68.66%
23	Rajasthan	67.33%	65.68%	66.68%	68.24%	68.71%
24	Sikkim	51.07%	51.17%	52.65%	54.54%	55.42%
25	Tamil Nadu	86.30%	85.37%	85.70%	86.41%	86.66%
26	Telangana	61.50%	58.06%	59.18%	61.55%	62.84%
27	Tripura	47.03%	47.62%	47.53%	48.46%	49.57%
28	Uttar Pradesh	34.28%	33.57%	37.25%	37.87%	42.26%
29	Uttarakhand	56.63%	55.14%	55.51%	56.76%	56.85%
30	West Bengal	47.93%	45.20%	46.75%	47.96%	45.02%
31	Andaman And Nicobar	59.43%	54.66%	54.10%	59.13%	63.73%
32	Dn Haveli And Dd	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	49.03%
33	Lakshadweep	11.63%	13.04%	0.00%	26.67%	40.00%
34	Puducherry	86.79%	86.82%	87.59%	87.51%	87.39%

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