

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 627
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26/07/2024

DELAY IN DISBURSEMENT OF WAGES UNDER MGNREGA

627 SHRI RAVI CHANDRA VADDIRAJU:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether delays in the disbursement of wages under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in some states have led to severe financial stress, with some being forced to borrow money from private lenders at high interest rates and some workers haven't been paid wages for as many as five months, making it difficult to afford two square meals daily;
- (b) if so, the details thereof/reasons therefor, State-wise; and
- (c) whether many workers allege rampant corruption as a reason for the non-payment of their wages and if so, the details thereof/reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand-driven wage employment Scheme. The fund under scheme is released as per the provisions of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and guidelines. The Central Government is making wage payments directly into the Bank/Post office accounts of the beneficiaries as per the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) protocol through a National Electronic Fund Management System (Ne-FMS). No complaints have been received in the Ministry regarding Mahatma Gandhi NREGS beneficiaries being forced to borrow money from private lenders at high interest rates due to delays in the payment of wages. Further, no complaint has been received from any beneficiaries under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS regarding the link between corruption and late payment of wages.

States/UTs-wise Details of fund released for the wage component under the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS for the Financial Year 2023-24 and the current Financial Year 2024-25 (as 22.07.2024) are given at **Annexure**.

Annexure referred in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 627 dated 26.07.2024

States/UTs-wise Details of fund released for the wage component under the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS for the Financial Year 2023-24 and the current Financial Year 2024-25 (as 22.07.2024)(Rs. in crore)			
Sl. No.	States/UTs	2023-24	2024-25
1	Andhra Pradesh	5629.31	2796.20
2	Arunachal Pradesh	283.19	130.52
3	Assam	1943.17	680.50
4	Bihar	4284.17	2867.75
5	Chhattisgarh	2088.35	1427.89
6	Goa	0.88	0.94
7	Gujarat	1000.81	649.68
8	Haryana	357.77	176.91
9	Himachal Pradesh	597.66	402.31
10	Jammu & Kashmir	725.61	326.25
11	Jharkhand	2249.64	1281.53
12	Karnataka	3794.71	2049.43
13	Kerala	2953.63	907.96
14	Madhya Pradesh	3640.64	2307.44
15	Maharashtra	1947.47	1581.57
16	Manipur	0.00	98.08
17	Meghalaya	577.41	178.63
18	Mizoram	447.58	269.62
19	Nagaland	422.93	19.39
20	Odisha	3930.67	1147.00
21	Punjab	928.24	371.32
22	Rajasthan	6490.07	3091.97
23	Sikkim	75.70	23.89
24	Tamil Nadu	10191.64	1063.08
25	Telangana	1785.29	1588.54
26	Tripura	724.30	208.36
27	Uttar Pradesh	7176.97	3299.79
28	Uttarakhand	384.98	164.34
29	West Bengal	0.00	0.00
30	Andaman & Nicobar	0.00	2.31
31	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00
32	Puducherry	50.39	14.70
33	Ladakh	44.66	9.52
34	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	0.00	2.08
	Total	64,727.83	29,139.49
