

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1405
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02/08/2024

BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR MGNREGA

1405 SHRI MANOJ KUMAR JHA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the budgetary allocation for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) for FY 2023-24 was lesser than the projected demand;
- (b) if so, the reasons for such reduction; and
- (c) if not, the details of projected demand, budget allocated, and fund utilized?

ANSWER

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

(a)to(c): The allocation of fund for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) during the FY 2023-24 at Budget Estimate (BE) stage was Rs. 60,000 crore, which was enhanced to Rs. 86,000 crore at the Revised Estimate (RE) stage. Final release during the Financial Year 2023-24 to the State/UT under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS was an amount of Rs. 88,554.76 crore.

Since Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is a demand-driven scheme the Central Government is committed to making funds available to States/UTs for the implementation of the Scheme as per the demand for work on the ground.

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 on the ground.
