

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 132**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2018

**PLANNING AND MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS UNDER MGNREGS**

**\*132. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:**

Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a need to make better technique, planning and monitoring arrangements for works being carried out under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the role of the State Government of Rajasthan in this regard?

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

- (a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement in reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 132 for 26.07.2018**

(a)&(b): Planning under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is done at the Gram Sabha level every year. All the plans of the Gram Sabha are consolidated at the block & district level. The Ministry with help of State Government supervises the entire planning process. The Ministry monitors the progress of the performance of States MGNREGS on regular basis, viz. Video Conferences (VCs), National Level Monitors, Common Review Missions, Monitoring visits and Mid-term reviews. The Ministry periodically conducts intensive field visits to States to assess the status of implementation of the programme. After the field visits, the finding/ observations and the corresponding recommendations are shared with the States for necessary appropriate action. Mid-term review of the performance of States is conducted in the Ministry and the status of implementation of Scheme is reviewed. To enable peer learning through knowledge sharing among the States, Inter-State Exchange Programme (ISEP) was initiated in FY 2016-17 and conducted in 6 States viz. Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh & Chhattisgarh. During FY 2017-18, it was conducted in 2 States (Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal). ISEP was also conducted in Sikkim for Social Audit in June, 2018. Nine States participated to share knowledge on further enhancement of implementation of MGNREGS.

(c): The Government has taken steps to strengthen implementation of MGNREGA from time to time. These include:-

- (i) Implementation of National electronic Fund Management System (Ne-FMS) and focus on Aadhaar Based Payment system, streamlining fund flow mechanism, and monitoring of timely payment of wages to workers.
- (ii) Training of Barefoot Technicians, capacity building of MGNREGA functionaries such as State Technical Resource Team / District Technical Resource Team / Block Technical Resource Team on Mission Water Conservation works, training on Geo-MGNREGA, training to Finance officers of States on preparation of fund proposals etc.

- (iii) Framework for strengthening of monitoring mechanism developed and advisories issued for inspection of MGNREGA works by State, District and Block level officials and National Level Monitors.
- (iv) The Ministry has initiated Job Cards (JCs) verification of MGNREGA workers to weed out the bogus and duplicates JCs.
- (v) Auditing Standards have been issued and States have been advised to establish independent Social Audit Units, conduct Social Audit as per Audit of Scheme Rules, training of Village Resource Persons for conducting Social Audit etc.
- (vi) A path breaking initiative for improved planning, effective monitoring and greater transparency with the use space technology for geo-tagging of MGNREGA assets has also been launched.

(d): As intimated by the State Government of Rajasthan, the following initiatives have been taken by it: -

- (i) The planning of MGNREGA- Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) convergence programme in select blocks and introduction of Geo-spatial tools.
- (ii) Planned seven divisional training/ workshops for district level officers of the line departments to strengthen convergence and scientific planning of the works by application of modern scientific tools.
- (iii) Learnings and experiences of “Mukhyamantri Jal Swavlamban Abhiyan” (MJSA) were also incorporated for MGNREGS planning exercises along with appropriate use of Remote Sensing and GIS tools.
- (iv) The State Government has evolved a support system in the form “SAKSHAM- GIS Facility Centre” and 11 such Centres have been set up with the support of MoRD-GIZ project to ensure regular handholding support to MGNREGS functionaries.
- (v) The experiences of the initiative culminated in the form of e- SAKSHAM- a digital learning platform – works for MGNREGS functionaries and community members about GIS enabled planning of MGNREGS. Government of Rajasthan contributed in the development of e-SAKSHAM.

