

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1214
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13/12/2023

SC AND ST BENEFICIARIES UNDER MGNREGA

1214 SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the percentage share of person-days of work generated by SC individuals as against the total person-days of work generated has decreased since 2014-15;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the percentage share of SC households with work in comparison to the total households with work has decreased since 2014-15;
- (d) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether it is a fact that the number of ST households with work has decreased since 2014-15; and
- (f) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a)&(b): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment scheme. **It provides livelihood security, i.e. fall back options for livelihood for the rural households, when no better employment opportunity is available.**

Details of total persondays generated, Scheduled Castes (SCs) persondays generated and its percentage under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS from 2014-15 to current financial year 2023-24 (as on 07.12.2023) is given below:

| Financial Year | Total Persondays generated (in crore) | SCs Persondays generated (in crore) | Percentage of SCs Persondays generated |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 2014-15 | 165.64 | 37.49 | 22.63% |
| 2015-16 | 234.94 | 53.03 | 22.57% |
| 2016-17 | 235.23 | 50.73 | 21.56% |
| 2017-18 | 233.67 | 50.70 | 21.70% |
| 2018-19 | 267.81 | 55.86 | 20.86% |
| 2019-20 | 265.26 | 54.10 | 20.39% |
| 2020-21 | 388.89 | 77.27 | 19.87% |
| 2021-22 | 363.18 | 69.61 | 19.17% |
| 2022-23 | 295.75 | 56.80 | 19.21% |
| 2023-24 (as on 07.12.23) | 226.14 | 43.84 | 19.39% |

(As per NREGASoft)

(c)&(d): The details of Scheduled Castes (SCs) households availed employment against, total households availed employment and its percentage under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS from financial year 2014-15 to current financial year 2023-24 (as on 07.12.2023) is given below:

| Financial Year | Households availed employment (in lakh) | SCs households availed employment (in lakh) | Percentage SCs households availed employment |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--|
| 2014-15 | 412.62 | 94.49 | 22.90% |
| 2015-16 | 481.13 | 110.68 | 23.00% |
| 2016-17 | 511.60 | 113.52 | 22.19% |
| 2017-18 | 511.44 | 111.20 | 21.74% |
| 2018-19 | 526.47 | 110.41 | 20.97% |
| 2019-20 | 548.08 | 115.56 | 21.08% |
| 2020-21 | 754.73 | 155.20 | 20.56% |
| 2021-22 | 725.39 | 144.03 | 19.86% |
| 2022-23 | 618.28 | 120.20 | 19.44% |
| 2023-24 (as on 07.12.23) | 526.45 | 103.43 | 19.65% |

(As per NREGASoft)

(e)&(f): The details of Scheduled Tribes (STs) households availed employment against total households availed employment under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS from financial year 2014-15 to current financial year 2023-24 (as on 07.12.2023) is given below:

| Financial Year | Households availed employment (in lakh) | ST households availed employment (in lakh) | Percentage ST households availed employment |
|------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 2014-15 | 412.62 | 71.20 | 17.26% |
| 2015-16 | 481.13 | 81.68 | 16.98% |
| 2016-17 | 511.60 | 85.77 | 16.76% |
| 2017-18 | 511.44 | 86.05 | 16.82% |
| 2018-19 | 526.47 | 88.99 | 16.90% |
| 2019-20 | 548.08 | 92.32 | 16.84% |
| 2020-21 | 754.73 | 118.36 | 15.68% |
| 2021-22 | 725.39 | 115.75 | 15.96% |
| 2022-23 | 618.28 | 102.42 | 16.57% |
| 2023-24 (as on 07.12.23) | 526.45 | 88.39 | 16.79% |

(As per NREGASoft)
