

Implementation of MGNREGS during COVID-19 Pandemic

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Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is a demand driven wage employment scheme. Every adult member of a household in a rural area, having job card (as per Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act), is eligible for a demand for a job under the scheme. There is no provision to register a Job card holder categorised as migrant labourers/ family in the job card in the scheme. A job card can be issued to a migrant labour/family as per the provision of the Act against a demand by the migrant labour/family. A total of 86,81,928 new job card during the current FY so far has been issued as compared to 64,95,823 new job card issued during the FY 2019-20. State-wise fund released/spent under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) from April 2020 to August, 2020 is at **Annexure-I**.

So far as enhancement of guaranteed days of employment is concerned, the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA envisages for providing 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a financial year to each household in rural areas whose adult members volunteers to do unskilled manual work. In addition to this, there is a provision for additional 50 days of unskilled wage employment in a financial year in drought/natural calamity notified rural areas. As per Section 3(4) of the Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act, 2005, the State Governments may make provisions for providing additional days beyond the period guaranteed under the Act from their own funds.

State-wise release/expenditure under wage for Mahatma Gandhi NREGS for financial years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (from April 2020 to August 2020 is at **Annexure-II**.

The details of household provided employment is at **Annexure-III(a)** and the details of persondays generated is at **Annexure-III(b)** between March-August 2020 and corresponding period in 2019.

As per section 6(1) of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA), the Central Government may, by notification, specify the wage rate for its beneficiaries. Accordingly, the Ministry of Rural Development notifies Mahatma Gandhi NREGA wage rate every year for States/UTs. To compensate the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA workers against inflation, the Ministry of Rural Development revises the wage rate every year based on change in Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labour (CPI-AL) . The wage rate is made applicable from 1st April of each Financial Year. However, each State/UT can provide wage over and above the wage-rate notified by the Central Government. The wage rate for the States/UTs for the Financial Year 2020-21, notified on 23rd March, 2020 is at **Annexure-IV**.

The wage rate under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA is fixed in pursuance of section 6(1) of the Act. This department does not maintain minimum wage rate of different State centrally.

The Central Government, with active support of the State Governments, has so far been able to meet the demands of works with adequate funding. During current financial year, as on 10.09.2020, the Ministry has released Rs. 60,44,098.23 lakh till now to the States & UTs for implementation of Scheme. The details of the comparison of personday generated during the period between 2019 and 2020 is given below:

Employment Provided			
Months	2019	2020	Increase

April	273940403	141308625	-48%
May	369515900	568693697	54%
June	321428565	640708960	99%
July	194174791	391630385	102%
August	153052762	238976142	56%

This information was given in a written reply by the Union Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Shri Narendra Singh Tomar in Lok Sabha today.

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Annexure-I

Central funds released to Mahatma Gandhi NREGA States during 2020-21			
(As on April, 2020 to Aug, 2020) (Rs. in Lakh)			
S.No	States/UTs	Total released (Wage, Material & Admin. component)	Total Expenditure
1	Andhra Pradesh	701966.37	660761.9
2	Arunachal Pradesh	19746.12	27241.93
3	Assam	1056	67811.3

		9 8. 5 8	
4	Bihar	3 9 9 2 5 0. 6	352518.2
5	Chhattisgarh	2 4 3 8 2 8. 0 5	222625.3
6	Goa	9 1. 3 4	105.14
7	Gujarat	9 6 8 8 5. 1 4	78623.67
8	Haryana	3 2 0 2 1. 9 3	24017.06
9	Himachal Pradesh	5 2 2 9 3. 3 2	40203.98
10	Jammu & Kashmir	4 4 1 1 1. 0 4	59093.77
11	Jharkhand	1	91139.34

		6 7 6 9 5. 9 5	
12	Karnataka	3 2 4 8 2 9. 6 7	266000.7
13	Kerala	1 7 7 9 7 8. 5 5	141185.8
14	Madhya Pradesh	4 2 0 7 3 4. 1 7	372348.5
15	Maharashtra	9 6 4 4 3. 3 5	78814.13
16	Manipur	7 3 7 5 6. 9 2	59001.29
17	Meghalaya	6 6 2 9 4. 5 4	62752.83

18	Mizoram	3 2 0 6 2. 8 7	27427.8
19	Nagaland	3 2 7 5 8. 6 2	14764.27
20	Odisha	2 7 1 9 1 0. 2	230948.7
21	Punjab	5 7 0 4 3. 8 8	43675.46
22	Rajasthan	4 8 4 8 0 0. 8 4	543786.2
23	Sikkim	4 6 8 6. 1 5	4443.99
24	Tamil Nadu	3 6 7 2 2 3. 4 2	339267.7
25	Telangana	2 3	252302.9

		5 6 6 2. 8 8	
26	Tripura	6 1 8 5 5. 8 5	45136.16
27	Uttar Pradesh	6 3 4 9 6 1. 4 8	612831
28	Uttarakhand	4 3 1 3 8. 6 9	29736.05
29	West Bengal	6 1 8 6 9 1. 2 3	543006.2
30	Andaman & Nicobar	3 4 8. 8 9	418.75
31	Puducherry	1 8 2 9. 2 8	1772.45
Total		5 8 7 0 6	5293764

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Annexure-II

Central funds released to Mahatma Gandhi NREGA States during 2018-19 to 2020-21 (from April 2020, to Aug, 2020)				
S.No	States/UTs	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21 (from April 2020, to Aug, 2020)
		Actual Release under NeFMS (Wage Only) (Rs. in lakh)		
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	442990.67	440386.91	511966.37
2	Arunachal Pradesh	wage expenditure was booked through material head	wage expenditure was booked through material head	8207.53
3	Assam	92618.24	118789.53	73924.95
4	Bihar	210093.80	219418.51	251802.33
5	Chhattisgarh	241277.92	188143.58	215699.82
7	Gujarat	73603.19	53706.37	74196.18
8	Haryana	21675.43	23543.94	28919.09
9	Himachal Pradesh	52915.23	40582.00	37294.28
10	Jammu & Kashmir	wage expenditure was booked through material head	wage expenditure was booked through material head	9928.38
11	Jharkhand	97075.34	90756.83	91998.68
12	Karnataka	180726.64	260747.36	242667.12
13	Kerala	203731.44	315288.42	127896.02
14	Madhya Pradesh	299772.07	338877.29	316682.75
15	Maharashtra	145557.96	104542.59	74640.85

16	Meghalaya	56827.31	60048.03	44488.51
17	Mizoram	34548.74	46244.61	27591.47
18	Odisha	156992.76	154930.28	192018.85
19	Punjab	46046.82	55858.19	41932.81
20	Rajasthan	378724.33	488928.38	452256.91
21	Sikkim	6941.31	5512.47	3907.77
22	Tamil Nadu	374681.74	440853.17	300647.87
23	Telangana	183259.38	166759.07	204912.23
24	Tripura	39416.56	57049.47	40477.77
25	Uttar Pradesh	409307.93	411445.61	446105.18
26	Uttarakhand	41439.95	29204.79	34112.01
27	West Bengal	547713.80	589092.57	516907.91
28	Puducherry	1391.00	1342.68	1689.40
Total		4339329.56	4702052.64	4372873.05

Annexure-III (a)

State/ UT wise Households utilised data:

Month	Households provided Employment											
	March		April		May		June		July		August	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
ANDHRA PRADESH	2649850	2673792	2539813	2130236	3069685	3614193	2674320	3930516	1448960	2641979	593677	1024653
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	34759	33226	39244	39290	11294	100721	40607	97334	41194	63661	48052	39854
ASSAM	943992	768140	506180	21438	712787	503346	609501	600663	317182	450431	271489	423431
BIHAR	824522	1144207	864018	731359	1003820	1783198	1052622	2144286	531545	1059316	387861	647987

CHHATTISGARH	106 1 618	132 7 483	106 7 196	139 4 939	120 2 083	216 1 363	106 1 768	166 8 235	252 7 99	257 4 06	139 8 73	216 8 65
GOA	193	490	27	390	49	795	112	680	17	260	35	269
GUJARAT	210 1 11	191 3 71	221 7 26	752 2 4	345 5 92	620 3 74	293 6 91	643 4 57	115 0 40	191 4 10	646 4 8	109 6 93
HARYANA	673 3 0	892 6 4	163 9 3	348 5 5	248 1 8	172 3 78	737 0 4	181 4 02	694 2 4	145 0 78	683 2 4	114 6 52
HIMACHAL PRADESH	172 9 07	204 8 91	143 8 55	305 7 0	138 6 62	173 1 04	163 3 31	258 3 99	135 5 93	254 5 68	114 8 63	206 1 53
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	255 4 91	280 2 43	586 1 2	179 1 8	576 6 1	911 9 3	368 8 6	134 2 52	406 4 8	155 8 20	282 3 1	853 7 3
JHARKHAND	522 5 08	387 0 11	512 3 87	215 6 31	483 7 03	599 3 85	470 6 49	894 9 75	420 6 96	753 3 34	407 6 58	477 1 05
KARNATAKA	597 7 85	641 2 10	603 1 78	374 9 89	797 3 97	111 3 733	781 6 48	131 6 668	766 4 78	107 1 101	508 4 00	706 1 39
KERALA	884 5 75	734 8 31	234 8 29	442 6 1	504 7 24	523 2 71	621 0 16	872 3 78	727 6 38	827 5 69	734 2 38	695 2 74
MADHYA PRADESH	108 0 521	961 5 26	111 4 152	637 1 39	129 3 713	218 3 494	135 0 445	245 7 424	910 3 76	183 9 649	671 7 31	148 4 270
MAHARASHTRA	578 5 24	405 0 70	414 1 82	198 7 01	545 7 47	689 6 37	531 9 60	552 5 74	263 9 40	302 0 64	194 1 76	203 5 50
MANIPUR	381 3 98	425 6 50	221 4 5	952 5 5	741 6 6	111 9 57	513 9 1	139 0 59	814 4 2	240 7 38	278 5 45	247 8 52
MEGHALAYA	194 5 62	213 8 52	331 0 0	223 3 3	434 5 5	104 3 96	674 9 2	203 0 91	126 1 86	202 0 24	165 3 41	202 5 76
MIZORAM	150 5 66	174 9 58	178 7 99	196 7 95	183 7 64	197 3 82	190 5 71	198 4 46	173 3 54	198 5 46	193 0 20	199 0 86
NAGALAND	188 3 53	167 3 43	258 7 8	393 4 9	682 2 5	357 4 66	859 6 6	313 5 39	301 3 1	257 1 19	420 5 8	189 4 38
ODISHA	652 4 72	786 7 86	382 3 81	459 9 15	555 0 40	116 7 766	517 4 23	148 8 655	368 8 56	100 2 470	357 3 88	917 5 03
PUNJAB	275 8 26	234 4 50	144 2 29	286 6 5	216 4 48	241 3 64	257 6 20	307 6 32	255 0 20	365 8 53	233 6 38	389 9 76

RAJASTHAN	271 7 074	180 5 726	240 6 682	720 5 03	290 1 970	367 8 206	299 6 724	493 4 862	171 9 921	347 1 607	975 6 18	190 2 362
SIKKIM	213 6 0	175 6 5	783 4	476 1	142 9 8	139 6 7	132 4 8	404 0 3	187 2 3	310 1 1	202 5 6	227 7 4
TAMIL NADU	293 3 114	250 3 215	248 8 706	305 2 65	294 7 786	244 5 866	310 3 882	388 5 891	315 7 997	411 5 949	328 7 293	386 7 215

TELANGANA	1184 301	4002 61	1492 391	1579 309	1825 225	2531 871	1278 217	1946 282	4923 93	8166 63	3592 82	4 9
TRIPURA	1074 38	2268 20	7474	7978 7	2753 88	4016 97	4235 48	3614 50	3600 20	3689 59	2951 33	3 0
UTTAR PRADESH	1131 458	1538 672	8825 79	8842 30	1134 187	4732 685	1896 703	5391 112	1616 746	3109 657	1396 330	1 4
UTTARAK HAND	1460 72	2126 21	1077 29	6464 1	8618 8	1738 40	7162 1	2062 41	7918 0	2236 86	9231 4	1 5
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	2259	1473	799	616	1343	1965	1384	2554	1497	2333	1344	5
DADR A & NAGA R HAVELI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAKSHAD WEE P	44	49	5	4	2	31	0	17	5	12	22	6
PUDUCHER RY	9358	1104 0	1438	1140 0	4435	2563 1	1321 2	3274 1	2155 3	2827 6	1931 8	2 3
WEST BENGAL	2396 359	2088 149	5527 58	7112 12	7938 95	2534 220	9032 19	3732 063	5012 73	3111 222	3944 53	1 9
Total	2237 6700	2065 1385	1703 5399	1106 5250	2125 0800	3305 0495	2163 4481	3893 7281	1504 5827	2755 9771	1234 4609	

Annexure-III (b)

State/ UT wise PD Generated:

Month	Person-days Generated											
	March		April		May		June		July		August	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
ANDHRA PRADESH	4196649	4267464	35775961	24597584	57095034	65191562	35326498	77196201	12344606	27659459	5030578	9001615
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	35558	33590	55551	622796	170463	1724999	646594	1479283	560322	1002783	815846	633651
ASSAM	1253703	1020415	6063923	140417	9732665	5588720	7583927	7477251	3562177	5471265	3480628	4869865
BIHAR	905579	1244484	15874335	12313581	18797958	33360753	17566328	37316359	8257029	17878835	6343976	10005304
CHHATTISGARH	1769202	2299100	21366724	19299275	24371072	46451987	16557929	24522857	3362163	2828142	1741290	2643951
GOA	195	504	173	2229	326	8606	8488	6365	181	2465	300	1954
GUJARAT	314529	271289	4441047	898785	7591299	13247548	5059141	12785833	1892128	3156932	921964	1613546
HARYANA	88634	117300	247552	305981	322326	1946208	944665	2436092	90546	1924579	846600	1339191
HIMACHAL PRADESH	204448	250004	2235617	415937	2280709	2873475	2731787	4672252	2175017	4524424	1816204	3336200
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	370136	402976	1338304	224800	1263956	1741683	670237	2618526	669108	3324674	457949	1459684
JHARKHAND	630819	455947	8435892	2416357	7754572	9170071	6920494	14031902	5600297	9467334	5127983	5750623
KARNATAKA	1017286	1063909	113149	6072862	159904	209123	142629	243952	141826	190376	9158433	115249

			87		51	15	58	15	02	82		10
KERALA	975 0 00	802 5 77	217 5 356	265 7 18	539 8 137	480 9 655	609 9 770	10 33 02 44	795 8 184	921 8 335	699 8 946	630 1 318
MADHYA PRADESH	162 6 799	147 7 313	21 67 28 84	685 4 060	24 62 41 89	43 87 95 14	24 13 20 75	48 69 25 84	14 11 07 40	33 56 05 07	10 70 44 59	24 63 88 56
MAHARAS HT RA	105 1 928	713 1 64	714 0 662	268 4 363	10 05 70 59	12 06 23 64	910 1 169	844 9 320	388 3 572	472 5 350	287 2 610	290 1 213
MANIPUR	396 0 69	441 6 09	195 5 23	768 5 6	662 0 1	122 6 700	527 9 40	166 7 853	766 1 51	350 8 495	333 5 062	336 1 965
MEGHALA YA	247 9 17	275 6 41	507 3 80	257 2 66	661 1 37	153 1 591	117 8 645	369 2 589	216 4 626	347 1 682	284 4 318	339 3 582
MIZORAM	150 5 65	174 9 58	212 4 668	983 9 04	254 0 347	276 5 387	219 4 304	267 6 964	105 7 427	278 0 287	159 9 012	247 5 320
NAGALAN D	189 1 75	168 3 10	135 4 15	109 7 74	493 4 38	377 5 188	694 6 99	264 7 502	296 6 99	224 8 649	361 7 60	151 5 614
ODISHA	939 6 68	118 9 345	588 1 648	664 9 050	937 7 628	22 51 58 79	732 6 649	28 05 64 87	542 8 973	17 42 09 70	551 0 238	15 34 54 07
PUNJAB	324 2 12	274 1 08	157 5 900	266 0 86	218 7 111	217 2 956	271 8 096	304 6 370	274 0 310	442 3 694	239 4 481	451 2 841
RAJASTH AN	345 4 120	220 6 059	46 58 51 43	930 7 474	60 80 26 01	68 61 25 49	57 57 62 99	100 9 314 0 8	28 65 97 66	61 82 08 84	15 04 99 58	28 96 79 12
SIKKIM	227 7 1	185 3 7	111 2 78	487 8 1	247 9 29	206 4 84	225 0 87	667 7 80	294 0 98	500 2 65	272 4 02	339 9 83
TAMIL NADU	315 9	268 6	219 1	141 8	325 6	186 6	30 52	37 59	305 0	42 70	306 7	32 66

	099	979	0137	434	8090	4902	1979	9168	1832	2140	1409	5
TELANGA NA	1906 140	6368 21	2736 7467	2202 5018	3782 9696	5991 4879	1671 6488	2648 5152	4770 952	7529 965	3273 994	3 0
	1293	2665	6379	5728	2679	4468	5611	4299	4489	4569	3632	4

TRIPURA	05	54	1	69	949	674	489	318	669	471	861	5
UTTAR PRADESH	1291 100	1740 204	1567 0838	9094 100	1749 4807	7223 6822	3015 6461	8300 1821	2288 2463	4129 8715	1884 2663	
UTTARAKHAND	1701 12	2535 81	1865 708	8434 22	1415 154	2562 751	1140 317	3135 694	1246 588	3393 266	1437 627	2 8
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	2557	1709	6444	4941	2009 3	2414 7	1511 4	2965 5	1745 1	2681 2	1187 2	3
DADR A & NAGAR HAVELI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAKSHADWEEP	44	51	60	56	28	434	0	358	130	155	464	7
PUDUCHERRY	1034 2	1187 3	6640	5690 5	2806 0	1624 83	9137 8	2899 96	1666 69	2036 98	1434 35	1 5
WEST BENGAL	1751 0902 7	3013 5361	1179 3395	1247 8944	1565 3415	4488 2411	1712 9200	6607 0561	9227 815	5194 8471	7353 440	
Total	2019 4268 8	5490 1736	2739 4040 3	1413 0862 5	3695 1590 0	5686 9369 7	3214 2856 5	6407 0896 0	1941 7479 1	3916 3038 5	1530 5276 2	2 7 2

Annexure-IV

State wise wage rates as per Gazette Notification 2020

S. No.	Name of the State	2020-21
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	237
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	205
3	ASSAM	213
4	BIHAR	194

5	CHHATTISGARH	190
6	GUJARAT	224
7	HARYANA	309
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH - NON SCHEDULED AREA	198
8a	HIMACHAL PRADESH - SCHEDULED AREA	248
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	204
10	Ladakh	204
11	JHARKHAND	194
12	KARNATAKA	275
13	KERALA	291
14	MADHYA PRADESH	190
15	MAHARASHTRA	238
16	MANIPUR	238
17	MEGHALAYA	203
18	MIZORAM	225
19	NAGALAND	205
20	ODISHA	207
21	PUNJAB	263
22	RAJASTHAN	220
23	SIKKIM	205
23a	SIKKIM(3 Gram Panchayat namely Gnathang, Lachung, Lachen)	308
24	TAMIL NADU	256
25	TRIPURA	205
26	UTTAR PRADESH	201
27	UTTARAKHAND	201
28	WEST BENGAL	204
29	GOA	280
30a	ANDAMAN	267
30b	NICOBAR	282
31	D&N HAVELI	258
32	Daman & DIU	227
33	LAKSHADWEEP	266
34	PUDUCHERRY	256
35	TELANGANA	237

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