GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 282
ANSWERED ON 02/12/2025

RESUMPTION OF MGNREGS IN WEST BENGAL

282. Smt. Mala Roy:
Smt. Rachna Banerjee:
Shri Azad KirtiJha:
Prof. Sougata Ray:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes a phased release of funds or a lump-sum release for West Bengal under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), if so, the details thereof;
(b) the criteria for prioritising disbursement (for example: backlog wages first, fresh works next), the details thereof;
(c) the extent to which the State Government of West Bengal being involved in the process of resumption and monitoring of the scheme;
(d) the total amount of wages and liabilities pending with the Union Government of States as on 31 October 2025 including West Bengal for implementation of MGNREGS since March 2022, State and year-wise;
(e) whether the Supreme Court has upheld the June 18, 2025 order of the Calcutta High Court directing the resumption of the scheme from August 1, 2025 and if so, the details thereof;
(f) the time by which the Union Government expects to release the outstanding funds to West Bengal for MGNREGS;
(g) the details of total fund due to Government of West Bengal for the said scheme as on 15.11.2025, year-wise; and
(h) the mechanism by which the funds will be disbursed to ensure immediate benefit to rural households in West Bengal?

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

(a)to(c) & (f)to(h): For the resumption of implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the State of West Bengal and in accordance with the order dated 18.06.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court, the Department of Rural Development is currently in the process of reworking and refining the necessary modalities and procedures to comply with the High Court's directions.

The proposal for upward revision of the Labour Budget for FY 2021-22 for the State of West Bengal was not approved by the Empowered Committee, National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS), Department of Rural Development due to non-compliance with the directives issued by this Department. Subsequently, the release of funds to the State of West Bengal under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) was stopped with effect from 09.03.2022 by invoking the provisions of Section 27 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, owing to continued non-compliance with the directives of the Central Government by the State.

As per NREGASoft, the total pending liability pertaining to the State of West Bengal (as on 08.03.2022) stands at ₹3082.52 crore, comprising ₹1457.22 crore under the wage component, ₹1607.68 crore under the material component, and ₹17.62 crore under the administrative component. The admissibility of this liability is subject to verification by the Central Government.

(d): State/Union Territory (UT)-wise details of pending liabilities for Wage, Material and Admin components under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS as on 26.11.2025 are given at Annexure.

(e): During the hearing dated 27.10.2025 in the matter related to Special Leave Petition No.25528/2025, filed by the Central Government, the Hon'ble Supreme Court was not convinced that the impugned order dated 18.06.2025 of Hon'ble Calcutta High Court requires any interference.

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Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of LokSabhaUnstarred Question No. 282 dated 02.12.2025.

State/Union Territory (UT)-wise details of pending liabilities for Wage, Material and Admin component under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS as on 26.11.2025 (Rs. in crores)				
Sl No.	**States/UTs**	**Wage**	**Material**	**Admin**
1	Andhra Pradesh	381.02	530.45	27.51
2	Arunachal Pradesh	4.70	142.01	0.86
3	Assam	0.23	398.38	27.73
4	Bihar	7.04	385.88	14.67
5	Chhattisgarh	3.78	101.36	9.59
6	Goa	0.00	0.43	0.02
7	Gujarat	46.98	18.96	8.39
8	Haryana	0.38	41.56	0.28
9	Himachal Pradesh	15.18	65.66	0.40
10	Jammu & Kashmir	5.48	188.50	2.31
11	Jharkhand	5.83	299.27	4.69
12	Karnataka	8.94	576.58	36.97
13	Kerala	248.42	177.80	49.72
14	Madhya Pradesh	64.14	655.03	44.06
15	Maharashtra	14.32	668.80	23.03
16	Manipur	4.59	152.40	4.12
17	Meghalaya	4.13	51.75	1.10
18	Mizoram	91.43	0.25	0.75
19	Nagaland	0.79	79.64	0.00
20	Odisha	11.76	218.06	2.11
21	Punjab	0.12	110.51	1.57
22	Rajasthan	627.33	822.31	8.75
23	Sikkim	0.10	2.40	0.02
24	Tamil Nadu	111.54	626.70	35.67
25	Telangana	0.98	495.12	7.09
26	Tripura	2.93	144.29	27.04
27	Uttar Pradesh	5.98	1007.58	90.09
28	Uttarakhand	0.41	44.99	2.94
29	West Bengal	**	**	**
30	Andaman & Nicobar	0.00	0.03	0.00
31	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00
32	Puducherry	16.99	0.00	0.25
33	Ladakh	0.46	1.78	0.10
34	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	1.29	0.00	0.00
	Total	1687.27	*8008.48	431.83

*** The pending liability of Material Component includes the pending liability of FY 2025-26 (as per NREGASoft) and for FY 2024-25 (actual). There is no pendency for the previous year under Wage & Admin Components.**

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