

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 133
ANSWERED ON 28/07/2026**

DELETION OF JOB CARDS UNDER MGNREGS

***133. Shri K C Venugopal:
Shri Anto Antony:**

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and total number of households demanding work under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) between June 2025 and June 2026, State and UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;**
- (b) the details and number of job cards and workers deleted or cancelled under MGNREGS along with the specific technical or administrative key reasons recorded for such deletions/cancellations since 2021, State, UT and year-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding the impact of reduction in annual wage income of rural households arising from suspension of wage-employment works for up to sixty days under Section 6 of the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rojgar and Aajeevika Mission Gramin (VB-GRAMG) Act, if so, the details thereof including income required in tribal dominated regions of Chhattisgarh;**
- (d) the corrective steps being taken to ensure that genuine beneficiaries do not face exclusion due to digital compliance or authentication issues; and**
- (e) the details of MGNREGS-supported agriculture and allied works discontinued or removed from the permissible work list along with the reasons therefor during the last five years?**

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)**

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *133 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2026 REGARDING “DELETION OF JOB CARDS UNDER MGNREGS”

(a): The details of the households demanded employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the period from June, 2025 to June, 2026, State/UT-wise, including Chhattisgarh, is given at Annexure-I.

(b): The Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is implemented by the respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, which are responsible for issuing Job Cards, including their verification, updation and deletion. To ensure a fair, transparent and uniform process across the country, the Ministry vide letter dated 25.01.2025 had issued a detailed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) prescribing the due process and safeguards to be followed before any Job Card or worker record is deleted. Any deletion can be undertaken only after due verification by the concerned State Government/UT Administration in accordance with the prescribed procedure. State/Union Territory and year-wise number of Job Cards and number of workers involved in deleted Job Cards under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS from 1st January 2021 to current financial year 2026-27 (as on 22.07.2026) is given at Annexure-II.

It is pertinent to mention here that during the same period, From FY 2021-22 to FY 2026-27 (as on 22.07.2026), a total of 5.00 crore households and 8.30 crore workers have been included under the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

(c): Section 6 of the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin): VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 provides for a pause in programme implementation for an aggregate period of 60 days during the notified peak sowing and harvesting seasons. The provision has been introduced to maintain balance in the rural economy and to support agricultural operations, which remain the primary source of livelihood for a large proportion of rural households, particularly small and marginal farmers. Accordingly, the respective State Governments are empowered to notify such period based on local agro-climatic conditions and agricultural calendars so as to ensure adequate availability of labour for timely agricultural operations. The statutory guarantee of 125 days of wage employment under the Act remains unchanged, and rural households may avail the guaranteed employment during the remaining period of the financial

year in accordance with the demand-driven provisions of the Act. The provision relates only to the timing and sequencing of works and does not reduce the employment rights under the Act.

(d): The technology-enabled governance framework under the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin): VB–G RAM G Act, 2025 has been designed to strengthen transparency, accountability and efficient service delivery, while ensuring appropriate legal, administrative and technical safeguards for the protection of workers' data.

To ensure that genuine beneficiaries are not excluded on account of digital compliance or authentication-related issues, the operational framework provides for robust exception-handling mechanisms. Appropriate alternative procedures are available in genuine cases, including those arising due to poor network connectivity, technical glitches, device-related issues or other exceptional circumstances, so that willing workers are able to access employment and related benefits in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

(e): No agriculture or allied work permissible under MGNREGS was discontinued or removed from the list of permissible works during the last five years. With the implementation of the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin): VB–G RAM G Act, 2025 with effect from 1st July, 2026, the list of permissible works has been comprehensively revised and expanded to align with the objectives of the new Act. The revised framework accords greater emphasis on Water Security, Core Rural Infrastructure, Livelihood-related Infrastructure and Mitigation of Extreme Weather Events, while continuing to support agriculture and allied sector activities through an expanded and integrated list of permissible works.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in the reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 133 dated 28.07.2026.

State/Union Territory wise including Chhattisgarh details of households that demanded work under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the period from June, 2025 to June, 2026			
Sl. No.	State/UTs	Number of Households who demanded work	
		2025-26	2026-27
1	Andaman and Nicobar	2483	1696
2	Andhra Pradesh	4716063	4221178
3	Arunachal Pradesh	342529	95969
4	Assam	1719592	1128071
5	Bihar	4853076	3662830
6	Chhattisgarh	2458225	1967253
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	4593	3942
8	Goa	2055	974
9	Gujarat	612295	384910
10	Haryana	304036	53926
11	Himachal Pradesh	511189	114658
12	Jammu and Kashmir	772149	205039
13	Jharkhand	2344645	767985
14	Karnataka	2040109	1158712
15	Kerala	1252276	814400
16	Ladakh	33475	15167
17	Lakshadweep		5
18	Madhya Pradesh	4105797	1574555
19	Maharashtra	3562236	1810075
20	Manipur	544265	448788
21	Meghalaya	505755	207881
22	Mizoram	216101	208902
23	Nagaland	286636	138208
24	Odisha	2575357	903059
25	Puducherry	47700	24457
26	Punjab	646201	302196
27	Rajasthan	4565574	3113132
28	Sikkim	55635	3566
29	Tamil Nadu	5874658	3455887
30	Telangana	2016432	2442742
31	Tripura	589152	504010
32	Uttar Pradesh	5378482	1625846
33	Uttarakhand	389517	103603
34	West Bengal	3	13720
	Total	5,33,28,291	3,14,77,342

Annexure referred to in the reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 133 dated 28.07.2026.

State/Union Territory and year-wise details of Job Cards deleted under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS from 1 st January 2021 to current financial year 2026-27 (as on 22.07.2026).								
Sl. No.	State/UTs	Number of Job Cards deleted						Grand Total
		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
1	Andaman and Nicobar	464	37	135	330	539	396	1901
2	Andhra Pradesh	110254	702856	2692922	202941	736913	28141	4474027
3	Arunachal Pradesh	9460	8398	14450	13557	11758	4735	62358
4	Assam	71556	174286	259381	552030	92615	145237	1295105
5	Bihar	1506995	4355680	2975277	1803457	200539	578942	11420890
6	Chhattisgarh	168500	158058	357730	401379	165532	233707	1484906
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu			2	11	12		25
8	Goa	11	13	30	55	12	4	125
9	Gujarat	52655	130808	364903	74152	35242	153188	810948
10	Haryana	11936	12234	7026	7829	4191	18358	61574
11	Himachal Pradesh	10768	16810	16822	5527	24488	34711	109126
12	Jammu And Kashmir	60659	28696	52478	63650	118700	83227	407410
13	Jharkhand	209927	560061	775582	192565	57250	252262	2047647
14	Karnataka	33770	125942	196372	26538	120962	1177174	1680758
15	Kerala	25468	51740	174164	199304	32952	5889	489517
16	Ladakh	975	1167	1150	545	830	1480	6147
17	Lakshadweep	6	8	29	37	111	1	192
18	Madhya Pradesh	1196818	287916	701156	179684	34435	310722	2710731
19	Maharashtra	30107	53840	54521	22144	72683	148518	381813
20	Manipur	5985	2599	5745	7351	3116	12119	36915
21	Meghalaya	6821	3797	14213	14180	3442	948	43401
22	Mizoram	11957	4466	4953	9758	19125	13207	63466
23	Nagaland	1052	3250	2796	8515	33916	23500	73029
24	Odisha	680594	1194762	1887015	354181	149642	526893	4793087
25	Puducherry	227	2453	2574	463	367	1576	7660
26	Punjab	56827	221293	199426	21981	51497	253894	804918
27	Rajasthan	137456	306512	655687	156202	58388	329419	1643664
28	Sikkim	1350	1433	2202	2116	1499	6161	14761
29	Tamil Nadu	166552	168258	606832	838966	81414	424121	2286143
30	Telangana	13111	139085	432828	109470	121072	17727	833293
31	Tripura	5802	5192	16680	8853	15070	19112	70709
32	Uttar Pradesh	1210002	3887312	4806792	147079	74574	738800	10864559
33	Uttarakhand	27940	114100	79736	46868	43336	113626	425606
34	West Bengal	16996	270106	2091078	8568	1764	229490	2618002
	Total	5843001	12993168	19452687	5480286	2367986	5887285	52024413

State/Union Territory and year-wise details of workers involved in deleted Job Cards under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS from 1st January 2021 to current financial year 2026-27 (as on 22.07.2026).

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Number of workers deleted						
		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Grand Total
1	Andaman And Nicobar	464	37	135	330	539	396	1901
2	Andhra Pradesh	441138	2026754	6678263	580400	1848755	95868	11671178
3	Arunachal Pradesh	33205	29578	62988	53417	43608	15160	237956
4	Assam	285265	667370	702306	1714944	336746	399765	4106396
5	Bihar	2280557	6680185	4472109	2823377	284491	787934	17328653
6	Chhattisgarh	589548	714084	1618613	1573608	634652	935621	6066126
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu			121	181	201	80	583
8	Goa	24	16	34	78	16	6	174
9	Gujarat	197540	490349	1028657	249566	122635	476809	2565556
10	Haryana	22525	19307	15666	20090	16031	51042	144661
11	Himachal Pradesh	46251	73112	76658	33879	95566	126980	452446
12	Jammu And Kashmir	165544	81039	144184	189805	289816	229871	1100259
13	Jharkhand	445025	1086773	1689406	377830	122807	411160	4133001
14	Karnataka	199713	496583	910210	226677	813882	3991094	6638159
15	Kerala	65984	160817	468284	484768	92258	15404	1287515
16	Ladakh	2720	5720	4248	2517	3638	5313	24156
17	Lakshadweep	10	19	88	122	405	3	647
18	Madhya Pradesh	4752899	1154825	2607403	781119	172276	1226223	10694745
19	Maharashtra	251024	313148	328275	151005	382822	630822	2057096
20	Manipur	44969	80903	113860	113215	56418	72601	481966
21	Meghalaya	23230	19459	111848	81801	20657	5710	262705
22	Mizoram	26423	10747	14163	27656	47984	36175	163148
23	Nagaland	4016	13050	13180	73920	246886	71004	422056
24	Odisha	2086641	3680990	5764789	1300435	457918	1477562	14768335
25	Puducherry	1518	23879	27747	2205	1040	3362	59751
26	Punjab	104831	370925	355225	45075	94144	435627	1405827
27	Rajasthan	815214	1564983	3071371	948226	319962	1110566	7830322
28	Sikkim	4392	4521	8512	8548	6312	17471	49756
29	Tamil Nadu	441804	436932	1560278	2150608	211089	903738	5704449
30	Telangana	58244	474901	1441792	431798	539444	78370	3024549
31	Tripura	28222	31682	92800	42512	79903	77170	352289
32	Uttar Pradesh	2027871	6400127	7937280	255864	138504	1252519	18012165
33	Uttarakhand	63287	267799	173441	163584	115392	284297	1067800
34	West Bengal	107188	1160743	7810027	34724	8322	914954	10035958
	Total	15617286	28541357	49303961	14943884	7605119	16140677	132152284
