

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 136
ANSWERED ON 28/07/2026**

WORK DAYS UNDER MGNREGS

***136. Shri Sachithanantham R:**

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the average work days under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) since its inception, financial year-wise;**
- (b) the manner in which the Government proposes to increase its share of allocation to ensure the provision of 125 days of employment in a year;**
- (c) the details of additional financial burden on the Central Government alone and on the States collectively under this scenario assuming that the average number of employment days are 50 days, 80 days and 125 days; and**
- (d) the details of the estimated quantum based on the last year expenditure for MGNREGS?**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *136 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2026 REGARDING “WORK DAYS UNDER MGNREGS”

(a): Year-wise details of the average work days per household under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) from Financial Year 2008-09 till June 2026, are given at Annexure.

(b): The Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin): VB–G RAM G Act, 2025 provides for a statutory guarantee of 125 days of wage employment in a financial year to every willing rural household demanding work, as against 100 days under the erstwhile MGNREGS. The scope of the works has also been significantly expanded by providing a wider range of permissible works with focused emphasis on Water Security, Core Rural Infrastructure, Livelihood Infrastructure and Mitigation of Extreme Weather Events, while promoting convergence with other Central and State Government programmes through a Whole-of-Government Approach. Here it is also mentioned that keeping in view the enhanced statutory employment guarantee and projected demand for employment, Central Government has made a budgetary allocation of Rs.95692.31 Crores for the scheme for the 09 months period of FY 2026-27 i.e. 01.07.2026- 31.03.2027 at Budget Estimate Stage. Total outlay of funds under the Scheme during this period is likely to be more than Rs.1.51 lakh crore when the States share is taken into account.

(c) & (d): The financial requirements under the VB–G RAM G depends on several dynamic factors, including the actual demand for employment, the notified wage rates, the nature of works undertaken, material expenditure and administrative costs etc. Accordingly, the annual budgetary requirement under the Programme is assessed keeping in view these factors. Allocation of Rs. ₹95,692 crore made for the financial year 2026–27 for the VB- G RAM G, is the highest ever allocation made at Budget Estimate Stage for any rural employment programme in the country. This is in addition to the budget allocation of Rs 30,000 Crore made under MGNREGS for the FY 2026-27 for first three months.

Annexure

Annexure referred in the reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 136 dated 28.07.2026.

Year-wise details of the average work days per household under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) from FY 2008-09 till June 2026.	
Financial Year	Average days of employment provided per household
2008-09	38
2009-10	42
2010-11	42
2011-12	43
2012-13	46
2013-14	46
2014-15	40
2015-16	49
2016-17	46
2017-18	46
2018-19	51
2019-20	48
2020-21	52
2021-22	50
2022-23	48
2023-24	52
2024-25	50
2025-26	43
2026-27 (Till June 2026)	24

As available in NREGAssoft.
