

Revised Wages under MGNREGS

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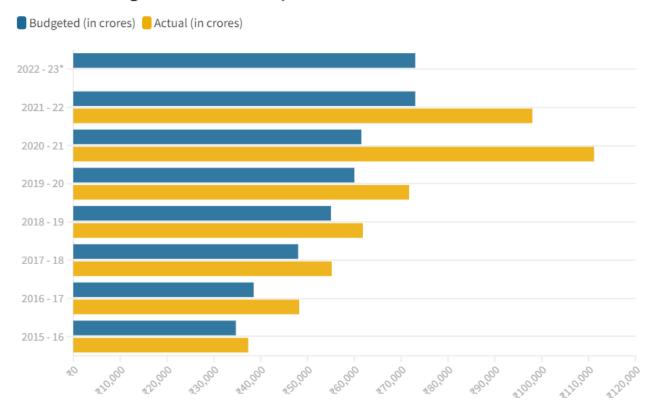
The Union government recently announced revised wages under the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)**, prompting varied responses from different states.

- Several states reported an increase in wages ranging from 8% to 10%. The Union Rural
 Development Ministry obtained special permission from the <u>Election Commission</u> for this routine
 annual exercise, considering the constraints imposed by the <u>model code of conduct.</u>
 - Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil
 Nadu, and Goa recorded notable hikes ranging from 8% to 10.5%.
- Haryana offers the highest wages at Rs 374 per day, whereas Uttar Pradesh has one of the lowest at Rs 237.
 - The revised rates will come into effect from 1st April 2024.
- Despite the revision, the nation-wide average days of employment provided per household in the financial year 2023-24 remained at 51 days, falling short of the promised 100 days.
- Launched in 2005, MGNREGA is one of the world's largest work guarantee programs, initiated by the Ministry of Rural Development.



How has the Centre's allocation for MGNREGS changed over the years?

MGNREGA budgeted and actual expenditure



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