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Report reveals delayed wages are a key factor to mismatch between MGNREGS coverage, delivery

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Context

- A review of the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)** for the financial year 2024-25 reveals that while the coverage has increased, with an **8.6% rise in number of registered households** under the programme, the delivery of promised employment has gone down, with **person days having dropped by 7.1%**. This was revealed in a report released by LibTech India, a consortium of academics and activists on Monday.
- Person days under the MGNREGS is defined as the **total number of workdays by a person** registered under the scheme in a financial year.
- The LibTech study revealed that **only 7% of households got 100 days of work**. The MGNREG Act **promises guaranteed employment up to 100 days**
- Among the key factors leading to an overall employment drop are the **inadequate allocation of budget and extraordinary delay in wage payments** reported from across the country

MGNREGS (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme)

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MGNREGS

GUARANTEES

100 days of unskilled manual work at the statutory minimum wage

FUNDING PATTERN

Centre covers
100% Unskilled Labour Cost
75% Material Cost

WAGES BASED ON:

CPI-Agricultural Labourers (CPI-AL).



IMPLEMENTED BY

Ministry of Rural Development (MRD)
+
State Governments

Section 27 of MGNREGA

SECTION 27:

Empowers Centre to monitor & direct states for effective implementation.

MISUSE OF FUNDS

Centre can withhold funds if misused & enforce corrective measures.

MGNREGS: Poverty Alleviation instrument for the Rural Region

PURPOSE

Safety net through guaranteed work & wages.

REVIEW

Committee headed by **AMARJEET SINHA** to assess effectiveness.

Expansion Proposals



DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT

Extend to **200** days ©PMF IAS



INCREASED BUDGET

Augment the budget allocation for MGNREGA

Key Features



RIGHT TO WORK

The state must give rural households work on demand.



UNEMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE

If work isn't provided within **15 days** of application.



WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION

Priority to women
At least one-third of beneficiaries must be women.



WORK RADIUS (5 KM)

Extra wages for distance **>5 KM.**



WORKSITE FACILITIES

Crèches, drinking water, first aid.