

# 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)

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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.

### **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.

## MGNREGS: Poverty Alleviation instrument for the Rural Region

### **PURPOSE**

Safety net through guaranteed work & wages.

### REVIEW

Committee headed by AMARJEET SINHA to assess effectiveness.



### **WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION**

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



### **WORK RADIUS (5 KM)**

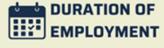
Extra wages >5 KM. for distance



### **WORKSITE FACILITIES**

Crèches, drinking water, first aid.





Extend to **200** days

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Augment the budget allocation for MGNREGA



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