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Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Bill, 2025 (VB-G RaM G)

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This proposed Bill is a major legislative step towards realizing the **Viksit Bharat @2047** vision, particularly focusing on **rural development** and **livelihood security**. It is essentially an enhanced, converged, and digitally backed successor framework to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

Key Features and Provisions

- **Enhanced Statutory Employment Guarantee:** The Bill mandates a **statutory guarantee of 125 days** of wage employment per rural household in every financial year, a 25-day increase from the 100 days under MGNREGA.
- **Target:** Adults in rural households who volunteer for unskilled manual work.
- **Focus Areas:** The mission emphasizes **Empowerment, Growth, Convergence, and Saturation** of public works.
- Special focus on works related to **water security, core rural infrastructure, livelihood-related infrastructure, and mitigation of extreme weather events**.
- **Institutionalised Convergence:** The core mechanism is the convergence of all relevant schemes through a unified planning process.
- Anchored in **Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans (VGP)**, prepared by Gram Panchayats on a 'Saturation basis' using the principles of **PM Gati Shakti**.
- These plans will be aggregated into the '**Viksit Bharat National Rural Infrastructure Stack**' for a unified national framework for rural public works.
- **Digital Governance Ecosystem:** A strong emphasis on transparency and efficiency through Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- Includes **biometric authentication, spatial-technology-enabled planning and monitoring, mobile-based reporting, AI-enabled analytics**, and strengthened **social audit** mechanisms.
- **Financial and Accountability Mechanisms:**
 - Provides for **Normative Allocation** to States based on objective parameters to ensure inclusive growth and equitable fund distribution.
 - **Unemployment Allowance** is to be paid by State Governments if employment is not provided within 15 days, at prescribed rates.
 - Mandates **Weekly Disclosure meetings** in Gram Panchayat Bhavans for public presentation of work status, payments, and grievances.
- **Significance:** Represents a paradigm shift from a standalone employment guarantee to an integrated rural development mission focused on **asset creation** and **economic growth** (the "Growth" component).
- **Continuity and Change:** Important for comparing the provisions with MGNREGA – specifically the increased days, focus on digital technology (DPI/AI), and the explicit integration with national infrastructure planning (PM Gati Shakti).
- **Federalism:** The role of the Central Government (wage rate notification, Normative Allocation) versus State Governments (unemployment allowance payment, intra-State distribution) is a key aspect.

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