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MGNREGS ATTRACT THE AGRICULTURAL LABOUR: A FOCUS ON CUDDALORE DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

*M*ahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme was a successful programme in Cuddalore district. The Cuddalore district has been considered as a one of the main districts in Tamilnadu which mainly contributes on paddy cultivation. This district had 1, 86, 000 farmers out of its total population and it cultivate paddy around 1, 10,000 hectares out of total area 3,67,781 hectare. But Samba paddy crop in over 50,000 acres in Cuddalore district has not been harvested yet owing to acute shortage of labourers and non-availability of harvest machines. The workers are solely attracted and got information through panchayat officials for working in MGNREGS which harms partially or fully influence the agricultural labourers from the agricultural work so there is a need to study the opinion of that labourers why they are involved in MGNREP. Finally conclude that through implementation of "MGNREGS" scheme, the work pattern deprives much agricultural labour in village has been reduced the share on agriculture.

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