

A CRITICAL STUDY OF THE PERFORMANCE OF MGNREGA IN NAGALAND

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ABSTRACT

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act(MGNREGA) is a centrally sponsored employment generation programme implemented in a phase wise manner in consonance with section 4 of NREGA Act 2005, with the objective for providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a financial year to every household in the rural areas and whose adult members by application are willing to do unskilled manual work. MGNREGA is the largest guarantee scheme of India to fight poverty and generate employment. The MGNREGA goes beyond poverty alleviation and recognizes employment as a means for the rural development. The Act envisages strengthening the natural resources management and addressing causes for chronic poverty like drought, deforestation and soil erosion and thereby to achieve sustainable development. The present study is undertaken to assess the: 1) person days employment generated 2) nature of Asset created by the scheme 3) financial progress 4) categories of persons secured employment in Nagaland. The present study relies on secondary source of information to draw inference and conclusion. The study also depends on the reports published by the Ministry of Rural Deveopment, Government of India and the research works published by the scholars and professionals. Performance of MGNREGA in Nagaland is evaluated for the period 2012-13 to 2014-15.

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