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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



Towards livelihood security through Mahatma Gandhi NREGS

Securing the livelihoods of the downtrodden has become increasingly important and central to the issues of poverty reduction, environmental management, and human development.

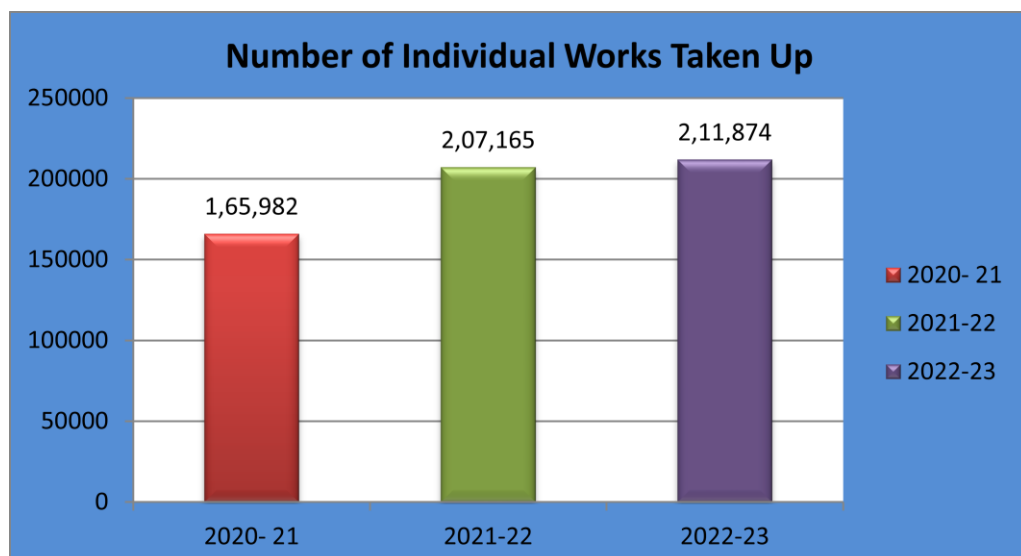
The impact of Individual assets like farm ponds, land development, irrigation works, plantation, etc under 'Category-B' works on the socio-economic conditions of the beneficiary households are long-term and of lasting consequences for the most vulnerable rural households.

Enhancing Livelihoods through Individual Assets

MGNREGS has tremendous potential for enhancing the income of rural households through individual assets by increasing the productivity of land and agriculture. The beneficiaries of individual assets gained new sources of livelihoods with the utility of existing assets resulting in a rise in their income levels.

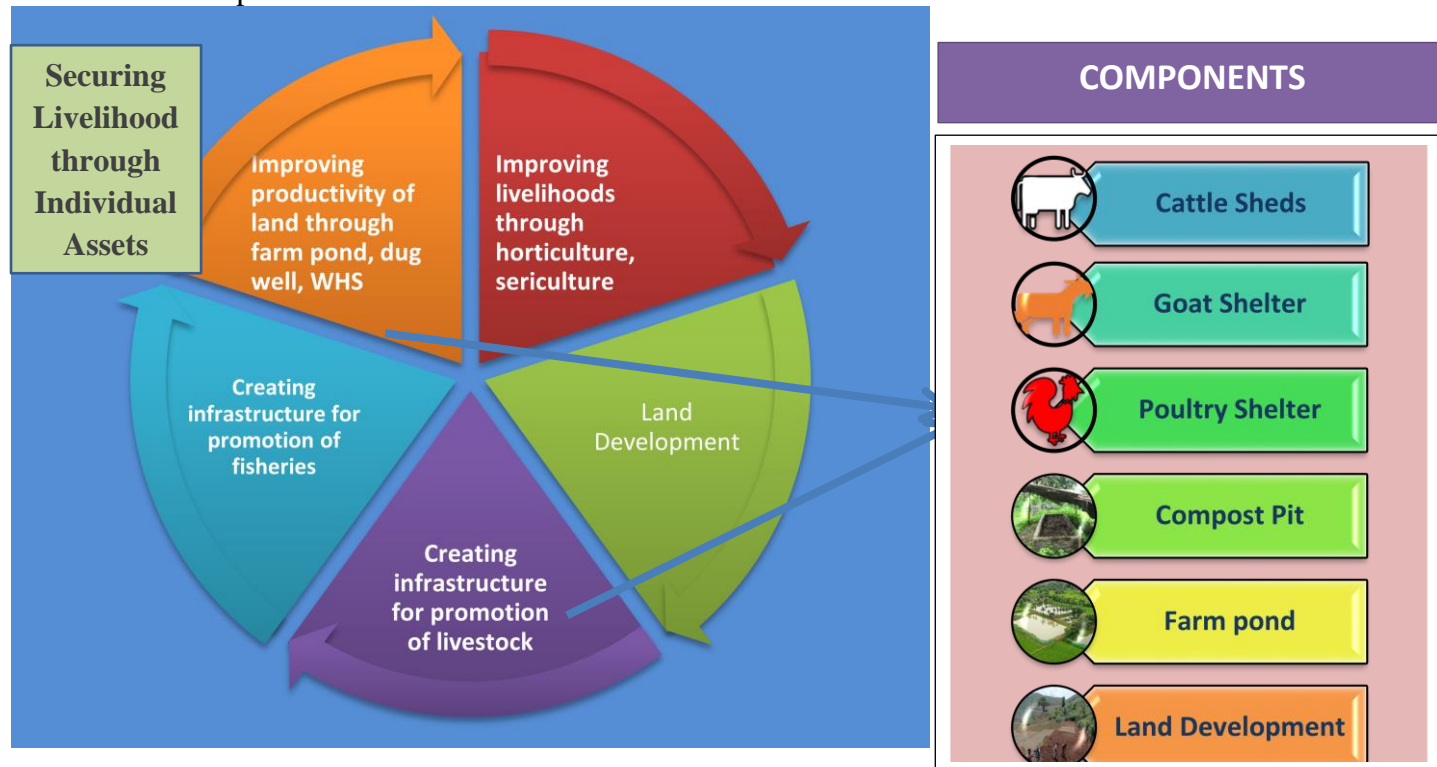
Paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005 divides permissible works into four categories, namely A, B, C, and D. Category B provides individual assets relating to agriculture and allied works like Farm pond, Dug well, Vermi/NADEP compost, Land development, Water harvesting structures, Horticulture plantation, Livestock shelters and Fisheries activities on individual's land leading to sustainable livelihoods. The guideline has the provision of at least 60% of the works to be taken up in a district in terms of cost shall be for the creation of productive assets directly linked to agriculture and allied activities.

Odisha is one of the major States that has been focusing on individual projects varied across the districts. As on 30.12.2022, the State has taken up as many as 2,11,874 works in category 'B' except PMAY(G) works leading to the upliftment of the poorer section. While the State had taken 1,65,982 different types of individual works except for PMAY(G) in 2020-21, the figure jumped to 2,07,165 in the year 2021-22 and 2,11,874 works in 2022-23(Dec,2022).

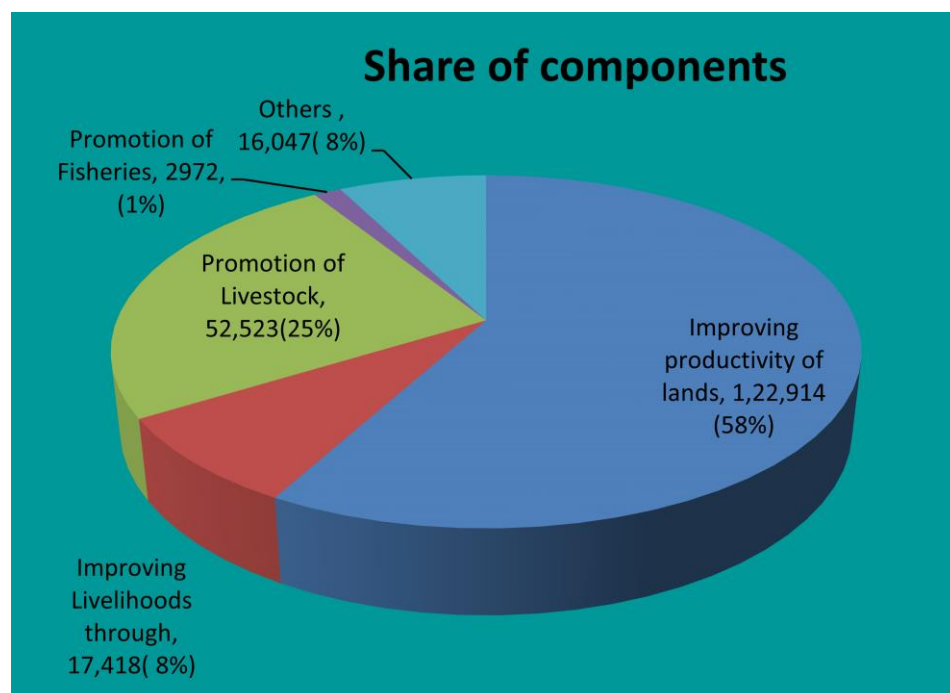


Types of Individual Assets Provided

The list of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA works linked to individual assets comprises of improving the productivity of lands of households through dug wells, farm ponds, and other water harvesting structures, improving livelihoods through horticulture, sericulture plantation, other kinds of plantation and farm forestry, development of fallow/wastelands of households, pasture development, fodder farm, creating infrastructure for the promotion of livestock such as- poultry shelter (brooder house), goat shelter, piggery shelter, cattle shelter and creating infrastructure for promotion of fisheries.



During FY: 2022-23 (Dec, 2022), more than 89,244 Farm Ponds, 16,809 Dug Wells, 15,790 Vermi / NADEP, 52,523 Livestock shelters, 1,20,241 Land development, 17,418 Plantations have been provided to the poor households. Improving productivity of land through farm ponds, dug well, WHS, etc constitutes 58% followed by promotion of livestock shelter with 25%, and improving livelihoods through the plantation with 8%.



Individual Assets taken up, FY: 2022-23

- ❖ 89,244 Farm Ponds
- ❖ 16,809 Dug wells
- ❖ 1,20,241 no. of land development works
- ❖ 15,790 Vermi / NADEP
- ❖ 52,523 Livestock shelters
- ❖ 17,418 Horticulture /Sericulture plantation

Districts with highest number of Individual assets completed (till Dec,22)

Individual Assets	District	Number completed
Livestock	Ganjam	2873
Land Development	Kendujhar	6992
Farm ponds	Kendujhar	5754
Promotion of Fisheries	Nuapada	612



Productive and Durable Assets at Ground Level



Cattle shed of Kushal Tapan. Lakhanpur Block, Jharsuguda Block.



Farm pond of Anima Sahu, Kamakhyanagar, Dhenkanal District



Dug well of Ditiya Majhi, Sinapalli Block, Nuapada District.



Mango Plantation on Individual land in Bhawanipatna Block, Kalahandi District.



Land development work. Development of Land of Suba Disari and 16 others in Semiliguda Block in Koraput District. Cultivation after land development (extreme right).



Beneficiary K Narasingh Patra of Ganjam District provided with Cattle Shed, Dug well, Farm pond, fodder and compost pit under MGNREGA for complete sustainable livelihood.



5% model in individual of Mochen Hemsing Rana, Sinapali Block in Nuapada District



News Corner



Shri Pradip Kumar Amat, Hon'ble Minister, PR&DW Dept inaugurated two day State Level Conference held on 19th -20th Dec 2022. Among others Sri Pradeep Jena, IAS, DC-cum-ACS, Shri Sushil Kumar Lohani, IAS, Principal Secretary, Sri Arindam Dakua, IAS, Director Special Projects, all CDOs, BDOs & senior officials of Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department were present.



Two day CDOs-Cum-EOs Conference held on 17-18th Oct 2022 under the Chairmanship of Sri Sushil Ku Lohani, IAS, Principal Secretary, PR&DW. All CDOs, Additional Executive Officers, Addl/Joint/Dy CEOs, DSCs, MCs along with senior officials of department attended the meeting. Smt. Sujata R Karthikeyan, IAS, Commissioner cum Secretary, Mission Shakti also addressed the conference.



Review of 20 Migration Prone Blocks under MGNREGS was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Sushil Kumar Lohani, Principal Secretary, PR& DW Department on 21.11.2022 at MGNREGS Conference hall, Bhubaneswar. Director, Special Projects, Director, OSSAAT, Additional Secretary, Joint Director, Joint Secretary, CDOs of 4 Migration Prone Districts, BDOs and MCs of 20 Migration prone Blocks were present.

