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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



Financial Year 2022-23 has passed and the MGNREGS in the State climbed a successful year in meeting its major objectives of providing employment in rural areas by creating durable assets. The State has generated 18.53 Cr persondays and created 4.49 lakh assets during FY 2022-23. The State has secured 7th rank in the country in generating persondays.

It has come a long-way and steadily become a lifeline to millions. The learning from the 2022-23 will definitely help the State to scale up in days to come.

Major Transformation and Achievements of MGNREGS, FY 2022-23

In the Financial Year 2022-23, the MGNREGS in the State strides yet another successful year in meeting its core objectives of providing employment to rural people by generating 18.53 Cr persondays against the target of 18.50 Cr and giving unskilled works to 51.85 lakh persons of the state. A total of 4.18 lakh households completed 100 days work. Women participation rose to all time high of 48% against 46% in 2021-22 and 44.7% in 2020-21. Out of the total 18.53 Cr persondays, 8.88 Cr persondays were created by women beneficiaries. Thus, the State has been successful in raising the number of women beneficiaries for participation in MGNREGA.

The objective of employment guarantee is also linked with the creation of durable assets to enhance livelihood security of the rural households. 4.49 lakh works have been completed of which 29557 works related to water conservation and watershed development, 39032 irrigation works, 14926 renovation of traditional water bodies, 41928 plantation and afforestation works, 7773 community land development and individual assets like 19358 livestock shelters, 32106 farm ponds, 8022 Vermi /NADEP, 5865 dug wells, 1906 horticulture plantation works, 5618 development of fallow / waste land, works to 179732 rural houses. Similarly, 1904 AWC and 2910 play fields completed in the period to boost rural infrastructure.

Natural Resource Management (NRM) has been an important component of MGNREGA to promote sustainable livelihoods for the poor. The expenditure on NRM works has been rising over the last three years. The percentage of NRM expenditure reached to the level of 77% in 2022-23 from 68.6% in 2021-22 and 61.05% in 2020-21. The National level achievement was 64%.

Efforts have been made to link the scheme to agriculture and allied activities to reach out to farmers. 66% expenditure has been made under agriculture and allied activities under MGNREGA during FY: 2022-23 against the norm of 60% set by the Government of India. The National level achievement was 65.2%.

Table-1: Highlights of MGNREGA during FY: 2022-23

Key Performance Indicators	Target	Achievement
Persondays generation	18.50 Cr	18.53 Cr
Women Participation	33.3%	48%
Work Completion Rate	80%	86.7%
NRM expenditure	65%	77%
Agriculture & Allied activities expenditure	60%	65.5%
Timely Payment (T+8 days%)	99%	99.4%



Major Initiatives during 2022-23

To make the women associated with SHGs self-reliant by getting employment opportunities, 314 CLF as PIA engaged for nursery raising. 10.88 lakh moringa and 19.28 lakh other horticulture saplings were raised. Horticulture officers were engaged to provide training to all CLF at district level.

Nursery Raising by CLF as PIA



32,106 Farm Ponds to strengthen livelihoods



32,106 Farm Ponds have been completed during FY: 2022-23. Farm Ponds have many benefits as it helps harvest rain water and recharge ground water. Also, it is very useful for integrated farming, thereby securing the livelihood & enhancing the income.

MO UPAKARI Bagicha by members of SHGs

1.09 lakh Mo-Upakari Bagicha have been developed by the members of SHGs across the districts. In each of these bagicha, saplings of various species (fruits / vegetables) raised for fulfilling the daily dietary requirements of the family.



Special Package for 20 Migration Prone Blocks



To address problems of distress migration in 20 migration prone blocks of 4 districts (Bargarh, Bolangir, Kalahandi and Nuapada) through special initiative the State has ensured enhanced unskilled wage @Rs. 327/- over and above MGNREGA rate of Rs. 222/- in commensurate with State minimum wage. The fund for this initiative is fully borne by the State, where for first 100 days of work, the State is providing a top-up of Rs. 105/- per person per day and for additional 200 days of work the State is providing full wage @ Rs. 327/-.



Planning for FY: 2023-24

Focus on employment opportunities



The State aims to achieve 20 Cr persondays during FY: 2023-24. Major thrust will be given on Water conservation works, Community Land development, CLF as PIA for nursery raising, Horticulture Plantation, Strengthening livelihoods through Farm Pond, Mo Upakri Bagicha, Dug wells and Livestock shelters. To carry out transparency and accountability measures like use of National Mobile Monitoring App to record daily attendance of workers, work site visit by Senior officers (State / District / Block) using Area Officer App, addressing complaints through Ombudsperson using Ombudsperson App and Social Audit of all works are being taken up.

Till June, 2023, 6.36 Cr persondays generated proving employment to 19.76 lakh households.

Special Package to continue in 20 migration blocks

Enhanced wage rate @Rs. 345/- per person per day to the beneficiaries of 20 migration prone blocks is being paid. Additional 200 days of work over and above 100 days of guaranteed wage employment is being provided to strengthen livelihoods of the poor households. Focus will be given to provide works to members of women SHGs to enhance livelihoods of the households and increase women participation.



Works to Women SHGs

Mo-Upakari Bagicha, Nursery raising and plantation works, supervision of MGNREGA works as Mates and Social Audit of MGNREGA works will be taken up by Women SHGs.



During FY: 2022-23, Odisha ranked 7th among Leading Persondays generating States, 2nd in Timely payment, 3rd in completion of AWC, 3rd in completion of Farm Pond, 3rd in NRM expenditure (%), 4th in HH with 100 days and 3rd in Avg days of employment per HH at National level.





3 Day National Workshop on Localized Sustainable Development Goal, Bhubaneswar, 17-19 Feb'23 and Principal Secretary, Shri Sushil Kumar Lohani is addressing in the workshop.



Conference of the all Chief Development Officer was held in SIRD campus to review various parameter of MGNREGS & other schemes (left) and Parallel MC review meeting held under the chairmanship of Special Secretary to review the progress of MGNREGS in the State(right) during May'23.



MoRD, NIC team held discussion with State/ District/ Block level officials on the issues of NMMS and Aadhaar seeding at Bhubaneswar. The MoRD, NIC team also made field visit to Puri and Khordha Districts to study NMMS issues at the worksite.

