

Impact Study Report

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Topic: Impact Study Of MGNREGS –Advance wage Payment in Attappady,Wayanad and Aralam

Project Details

Under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, the number of working days for the Scheduled Tribes was increased but the delay in disbursement of wages due to non-receipt of Central funds on time led to a decrease in the number of Scheduled Tribes participating in the Employment Guarantee Scheme. To address this the Kerala Government has formulated a scheme *Advance Wage payment* and special funds have been sanctioned from the State Scheduled Tribes Development Department for this purpose. The programme is implemented through Kudumbashree. It is very important to provide at least 100 days' employment to a Scheduled Tribe family. They can be retained in the scheme only if they were get wages on time. The scheme was started in recognition of the need for working families to pay their wages in advance on a weekly basis without waiting for central funds.

Funded by : Scheduled Tribe Department of Kerala

Year of commencement : 2018

Objectives

Objective of the study is to analyse the impact of Advance wage payment to Scheduled tribes in Attappady, Aralam and Wayanad under MGNREGS

Methodology

The Study is based on the factual statements identified from secondary documents, Consultation with officer in charge of the project in districts etc.

Achievements

Current Statistics of the Programme

SL. No	Name of District	No.of CDS	No.of Beneficiaries	Amount paid as advance	Amount repaid	Balance amount
1	Palakkad	3 (113 oorusamithi)	3453	23092750	5630317	17462432
2	Wayanad	23	5141	22285450	20913400	1372050
3	Kannur	1	745	6094900	5795360	299540

The scheme is progressing well in all the three districts 9339 Scheduled Tribes have been benefited from this scheme. The programme is implemented at Agali, Sholapur and Puthur Grama Panchayaths of Attappady through the Oorusamithis of Kudumbashree. In Wayanad and Kannur districts, it's implemented through Area Development Societies of Kudumbashree.

The first phase of the programme was organised after conducting discussions with representatives of District and Block Panchayath, representatives of MGNREGS programme, representatives of Scheduled Tribes Department and those from banks. Following that, trainings were extended in various levels started special bank accounts, and entered into tri-party agreement with banks, ADS and beneficiaries. The amount for giving the advance payment is transferred to ADSs or Oorusamithis through CDSs/ Panchayaths Samithis from the respective District Missions and is transferred to the accounts of the beneficiaries. When the beneficiary gets the amount from Government of India, it is automatically devolved from beneficiaries account to that of to ADS/ Oorusamithi. This amount is again used for giving advance payment

Challenges

1. Funds from the Central Government will be credited to the Aadhaar linked account of the beneficiaries. If the account given for availing advance payment is different, it is unable to recoup the advance amount
2. Lack of cooperation from Banks

Findings & Suggestion

This Scheme is being implemented to make more people belonging to the Scheduled Tribes part of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme and to provide them with timely pay. The main reason for starting this scheme was the untimely receipt of funds from the Central Government. Currently the programme in some places is in small scale because the disbursement of funds from the Central Government is on time. In addition, the co-operation of the Bank is very important. With more intervention at the bank level should be needed from State Mission as the scheme can continue to be implemented in the districts in a very efficient manner.