

# **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)**

Poverty is the major factor that pushes children to be employed as child labour and not go to school. Lack of livelihood opportunities in rural areas not only leads to reduced purchasing power but also forces families to migrate to urban areas for a living. This impacts the school drop outs and the never-enrolled rates. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act(MGNREGA), by providing a social safety net to the poor, contributes to curbing the school drop- out rates and entry of children in the labour market.

### **About Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act**

MGNREGA aims at enhancing the livelihood security of people in rural areas by guaranteeing hundred days of wage-employment in a financial year to a rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.The Act was brought in by the Central Government in 2005.

[The Government of Jharkhand implemented the act in the State in](#)

Details <http://nrega.nic.in/netnrega/home.aspx>

### **Beneficiaries:**

All adult members of the rural household

### **The Process:**

- Application has to be made to Local Gram Panchayat
- The application will be verified by Gram Panchayat for finding whether the applicant resides in the village and is an adult. If authenticated , then Gram Panchayat registers the applicant.
- A job card is issued to the applicant household
- After the issuing of job card the applicant may apply for work
- The Gram Panchayat from the date of receipt of application, will give employment within 15 days
- (If employment not given within 15 days then daily unemployment allowance has to be paid)

Details <http://nrega.nic.in/faq.pdf>

### **Entitlements**

Rs 122/ per day as minimum wage rate for unskilled manual worker (ADD DATE OF NOTIFICATION)

Unemployment allowance ( ) if not given work within 15 days of application of work with the Gram Panchayat (AMOUNT AND NOTIFICATION)

(Source [http://nrega.nic.in/circular/revised\\_wage\\_rate\\_from\\_01042012.pdf](http://nrega.nic.in/circular/revised_wage_rate_from_01042012.pdf))

### **Grievance Redressal (STATE LEVEL MECHANISM)**

Complaints can be given orally or in writing

Complaints can be registered with the Programme Officer/Programme Coordinator (LIST OF PROGRAMME OFFICERS WITH CONTACT NUMBERS)

State Level Officer designated to handle complaint (NAME OF STATE LEVEL OFFICER WITH CONTACT NUMBER)

Toll Free Help Line (TELEPHONE NUMBER)