Abstract

MG NREGA has never been looked into from the perspective of an exercise which not only caters to demand driven employment provision at rural ends but the most intensive and extensive exercise into building up multi-prone infrastructure development. It provides for infrastructure and assets creation and thus strengthening capacity of agricultural fields, besides other useful activities including rural connectivity, rain water harvesting, and land development, supports to deprived socio-economic classes through beneficiary oriented activities such as - Irrigation Facilities to SC/ST/IAY/LR.

Present paper is built upon the strong secondary databases created by Ministry of Rural Development through MIS, which is most comprehensive effort by Government providing information not only on year to year basis but across all geographical denominations. The paper is an exercise carried out for the first time comparing states as also comparing progress of states over years.

Present paper looks into the aspect from the following perspectives:

1. Inclines/declines of different activities over years - state-wise

2. Coverage of schemes of the following types:
   a. Multi-purpose Schemes : water harvesting, water conservation
   b. Micro Units/Works
   c. Individual beneficiary oriented

3. Coverage of Sector specific schemes
   a. Forestry based
   b. Irrigation
   c. Housing
   d. Roads and connectivity