

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Rural Development**  
**Department of Rural Development**  
**Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Division**

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024

To,

Principal Secretary,  
Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj,  
Government of Andhra Pradesh

**Subject- Advisory for better implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS-reg.**

- Ref. i. Letter No. L-15060/01/2023-RE-VII dated 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024.  
i. Letter No. L-15060/01/2023-RE-VII (382921) dated 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Dear Sir,

Please refer to the minutes of Empowered Committee meetings for Revision of Labour Budget in which state of Andhra Pradesh was directed to focus on agriculture & allied activities and enhancing the diversity of works taken up so that livelihood opportunities of beneficiaries may be improved. State was also directed to improve the performance on every aspect related to Transparency and Accountability.


2. Upon detailed analysis of works undertaken in the current FY 2024-25 (till April 2024), it has been observed that a significant portion of the expenditure (69.5%) was made towards renovation and desilting works. Specifically, 2.16 lakh works related to renovation and desilting are being undertaken (spillover + new), amounting to Rs. 676.6 crores indicating a lack of strategic action taken by the state to address such type of issues. This indicates that the bottom-up approach, as mandated by the Act, has not been followed, instead a top-down approach for planning of works has been taken in the State to generate high persondays and high expenditure (**List is attached as Annexure-1**).

3. Only 1.72 lakh individual works (excluding housing works) have been undertaken, with an expenditure of **Rs. 93.66 crores**, which is **9.6%** of the total expenditure. There is a need to improve the prioritization of works and livelihood opportunities for vulnerable families in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

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4. As per the Sub Para (2) of Para 4 of Schedule 1, "District Programme Coordinator shall ensure that at least 60% of the works to be taken up in a district in terms of cost shall be for creation of productive assets directly linked to agriculture and allied activities through development of land, water and trees". However, according to the report available in NREGASoft (R18.3), only 41.65% of the expenditure has been done on agriculture and allied activities.
5. As per analysis, not a single work of gully treatment/catchment treatment appears in the top 30 works with highest expenditure (**List is attached as Annexure-D**). **Gully treatment** works contribute to increasing the absorptive capacity of the soil, protecting the land surface and providing natural drainage ways from erosion and provide surface runoff water from fields at a non-erosive velocity through properly prepared and maintained waterways. It appears that the guidelines of **Ridge to Valley approach** treatment are not being implemented with proper planning. It requires a serious review at state level as large expenditure has been made under Renovation and Desilting. State should focus on agriculture & allied activities and enhance the diversity of works taken up so that livelihood opportunities of beneficiaries may be improved.
6. In view of above observations, your urgent personal attention and intervention is requested for better implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS as per the guidelines.
- This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours Sincerely,

  
07/05/2024  
(Ashish Gupta)

Deputy Secretary (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment  
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### R18.3 Works taken-up in current year(Spill over + New) for Agriculture

State: ANDHRA PRADESH

Rs. Amount in Lakh

District	Total Expenditure	Total Expenditure on Agriculture & Agriculture Allied Works	Percentage
1 ▲	2 ↑↓	3 ↑↓	4= (5*100)/2 ↑↓
<b>Total</b>	108358.41		
<u>ALLURI SITHARAMA RAJU</u>	5245.27	45126.67	41.65
<u>ANAKAPALLI</u>	7069.65	3829.04	73
<u>ANANTAPUR</u>	4580.24	851.59	12.05
<u>ANNAMAYYA</u>	3686.47	1624.29	35.46
<u>BAPATLA</u>	3305.98	1645.51	44.64
<u>CHITTOOR</u>	1798.53	2394.98	72.44
<u>EAST GODAVARI</u>	1439.62	1245.22	69.24
<u>ELURU</u>	4145.26	499.64	34.71
<u>GUNTUR</u>	1681.28	1753.16	42.29
<u>KAKINADA</u>	2784.08	1582.45	94.12
<u>KONASEEMA</u>	2211.85	1180.55	42.4
<u>KRISHNA</u>	6008.32	1867.33	84.42
<u>KURNOOL</u>	3965.02	5258.58	87.52
<u>NANDYAL</u>	3863.34	1866.82	47.08
<u>NELLORE</u>	3000.92	2530.47	65.5
<u>NTR</u>	5329.62	1038.26	34.6
<u>PALNADU</u>	4931.58	3886.67	72.93
<u>PARVATHIPURAM</u>	6729.06	3552.65	72.04
<u>MANYAM</u>	6729.06	2362.93	35.12
<u>PRAKASAM</u>	6601.08	455.51	6.9
<u>SRI SATHYA SAI</u>	2601.6	882.32	33.91
<u>SRIKAKULAM</u>	9469.02	1113.95	11.76
<u>TIRUPATI</u>	2960.42	682.06	23.04
<u>VISAKHAPATANAM</u>	996.45	23.41	2.35
<u>VIZIANAGARAM</u>	8201.67	157.27	1.92
<u>WEST GODAVARI</u>	1583.45	1281.04	80.9
<u>Y.S.R</u>	4168.63	1560.97	37.45
<b>Total</b>	108358.41	45126.67	41.65

Expenditure is based on the cost for the Financial Year 2024-2025

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S No.	Work Category Name	Work Type	No of Works			Expenditure in lacs.		
			Total Works	On-going	Completed	Total	On-going	Completed
1	Drought Proofing	Renovion of Community Ponds for Comm	28010	26341	1669	24560.30	24412.19	148.11
2	Micro Irrigation Works	Renovion of Feeder Canal for Community	53375	50911	2464	11218.03	11161.14	56.89
3	Micro Irrigation Works	Renovion of distributary Canal for Community	66229	62178	4051	9194.67	9170.82	23.85
4	Micro Irrigation Works	Renovion of minor Canal for Community	15455	14804	651	7093.34	7079.23	14.11
5	Drought Proofing	Constnction of Staggered Trench for Community	7422	7025	397	5319.29	5291.96	27.33
6	Renovation of traditional water bodies	Renovion of Community Ponds for Comm	7225	6905	320	4631.72	4612.05	19.67
7	Water Conservation and Water Harvesting	Renovion of Community Ponds for Comm	4055	3953	102	4137.91	4134.31	3.60
8	Works on Individuals Land (Category IV)	Const of State scheme House for Individuals	246500	233555	12945	3641.90	3406.30	235.60
9	Drought Proofing	Constnction of Community Water Harvesting Ponds	21735	21008	727	3634.76	3621.65	13.11
10	Works on Individuals Land (Category IV)	Const of Level Bench Terrace for Individual	9189	8951	238	3160.57	3133.67	26.90
11	Water Conservation and Water Harvesting	Constnction of Staggered Trench for Community	3456	3348	108	2360.21	2353.42	6.79
12	Drought Proofing	Repair & Maint of Gabion Check Dam for Community	8202	7949	253	2360.14	2357.65	2.49
13	Water Conservation and Water Harvesting	Constnction of Community Water Harvesting Ponds	9749	9434	315	2013.12	2006.37	6.75
14	Works on Individuals Land (Category IV)	Constnction of Farm Ponds for Individuals	14331	14084	247	1866.65	1863.97	2.68
15	Works on Individuals Land (Category IV)	Const of Earthen peripheral bund for indiv	11706	10905	801	1690.07	1674.48	15.59
16	Works on Individuals Land (Category IV)	Levelling/ shaping of Fallow land for Individuals	7428	7228	200	1380.84	1370.49	10.35
17	Micro Irrigation Works	Renovation of sub-minor Canal for Community	6294	6068	226	1173.14	1171.29	1.85
18	Rural Connectivity	Constnction of Mitti Murrum Roads for Community	7602	7461	141	1117.43	1114.87	2.56
19	Works on Individuals Land (Category IV)	Block Plantation-Hort-Trees in fields-Individuals	87102	85697	1405	483.76	483.63	0.13
20	Fisheries	Constnction of Fisheries Ponds for Community	1430	1404	26	448.02	447.43	0.59
21	Drought Proofing	Renovation of Feeder Canal for Community	1583	1549	34	425.12	419.55	5.57
22	Flood Control and Protection	Const of Flood/ Diversion Channel for Community	628	613	15	405.61	405.21	0.40
23	Water Conservation and Water Harvesting	Constnction of Mini Percolation Tank for Comm	885	870	15	364.22	364.22	0.00
24	Micro Irrigation Works	Constnction of Feeder Canal for Community	4427	4324	103	357.16	353.25	3.91
25	Drought Proofing	Constnction of Feeder Canal for Community	1433	1396	37	319.55	319.40	0.15
26	Water Conservation and Water Harvesting	Const of Water Absorption Trench for Comm	1584	1522	62	308.68	308.44	0.24
27	Works on Individuals Land (Category IV)	Const of stone peripheral bund for indiv	1154	1141	13	280.40	279.25	1.15
28	Water Conservation and Water Harvesting	Repair & Maint of Gabion Check Dam for Community	1470	1422	48	225.71	225.60	0.11
29	Drought Proofing	Const of Flood/ Diversion Channel for Community	292	282	10	217.32	217.17	0.15
30	Drought Proofing	Constnction of Mini Percolation Tank for Comm	444	438	6	201.82	201.82	0.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>850617</b>	<b>820745</b>	<b>29872</b>	<b>97409.91</b>	<b>96759.48</b>	<b>650.43</b>