

Dalits of Bundelkhand

Living with Hunger and Dying of NREGA Mafia

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State of MGNREGS in Bundelkhand

Delhi-based **Centre for Environment and Food security (CEFS)** has carried out a rapid survey on the performance of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in 50 poorest dalit villages of Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh (UP). Over 90 per cent of the sample households in this survey are extremely poor dalits. This rapid survey was conducted during November-December 2009 in the districts of Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba, Jhansi and Lalitpur. ***We came across large numbers of very poor dalit households who have not received even a single day of NREGS work in last four years or received it only for a few days***. We found massive corruption and very serious irregularities in the implementation of the rural job scheme. Very few villagers have seen muster rolls. Live muster rolls are never available at the worksites. There is little transparency and accountability in the implementation of the rural job scheme in Bundelkhand. The Grievance Redressal Mechanism is as good as non-existent. Payment of unemployment allowance is unheard of.

In none of the surveyed villages there has been any Gram Sabha meeting or Social Audit of NREGS work. At least, none of the villagers in these surveyed villages has ever attended any Gram Sabha meeting or participated in any social audit of the NREGS projects. We were told by the villagers that NREGS related Gram Sabhas and Social Audits are conducted only in the official records and not on the ground. In most of the villages of Bundelkhand we found that large numbers of poor workers have migrated to cities and towns in search of wage employment. ***We found that in the implementation of the MGNREGS in Bundelkhand there has been guarantee of only corruption, unemployment, poverty, hunger and humiliation. Irregularities are the only regular feature of the NREGS in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh.***

Chitrakoot District

1. Mangawan , located in Mangawan Gram Panchayat (GP) of Manikpur block is a very poor village of Chitrakoot district . We found massive corruption and very serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS (National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme) in this poor village .

Muwai (job card no.136) is a very poor dalit (schedule caste-SC) of Mangawan village who is desperate for any kind of wage employment . But , he has been able to get only 4 days of job during 2009 and 28 days of job during 2008 under NREGS . Bhaiyan (job card no.261) is also a poor dalit and he could get only 8 days of work under NREGS during 2009 . Rajiyawan (job card no. 290) is a poor dalit from Mangawan and he was lucky to get 60 days of work in 2008 and another 60 days of work during 2009 .However, he has been paid daily wage at the rate of just Rs. 50 . Rampratap (252) had got 60 days of job under MGNREGS during 2008 , but he was paid only Rs. 300 as wage . The rest of his wage money was siphoned off by sarkari babus and he could not do anything about it . Rajbhawan (78), a very poor dalit , had got 162 days of wage employment during 2008 , but he was paid only Rs 1000 as wage where as his total due wage amount would be over Rs.16,000 . In other words, Rs 15,000 of wage amount which was due to Rajbhawan was pocketed by executing officials of the implementing agency . Sitaram (76) is another poor dalit of Mangawan who has been cheated by MGNREGS officials .Sitaram actually worked for 120 days during 2008 and for another 120 days during 2009 under MGNREGS. The implementing agency of this NREGS work was forest department . However, Sitaram has been given just Rs 1000 where as his total wage amount comes to about Rs.24,000/. In other words , Rs 23,000 of the wage money which was due to this poor dalit has been pocketed by sarkari mafia of forest department .

Ramnihor is another poor dalit of this Bundelkhand village who has been robbed of about Rs. 23,000 . Ramnihore had actually worked for 120 days during 2008 and for an equal number of days during 2009 , for which he should have been paid Rs 24,000 as wages . However, he has

got only Rs 1000 as wage and the remaining Rs 23,000 has been pocketed by the sarkari mafia of forest department .

The story of Kamata (225) is no different . This poor dalit has been also cheated in the name of NREGS . Under an NREGS project implemented by Forest Department of Uttar Pradesh , his family had worked for 120 days in 2008 and for another 120 days in 2009. However , the total amount of wage received by Kamata is only Rs.1000 where as his total due wages would be Rs 24, 000. In other words , over 96 per cent of his due wage money has been robbed by sarkari thugs of forest department . ***There has been literal jungle raj in the NREGS projects implemented by the Forest Department of Uttar Pradesh .***

Raj Kumar (275) , another dalit of this poor village has suffered a similar fate . His family also worked in the NREGS project implemented by the forest department but their wage money has not come in their pockets. This family got 120 days of work in 2008 and another 120 days of work in 2009, but they have been paid only Rs 1000 for 240 days of work . In other words, in this case too, executing officials of the forest department have pocketed about Rs 23,000 of wage money that actually belonged to this impoverished dalit family of Bundelkhand .

Daddu (176) too is a very poor dalit of Mangawan village. His family worked under NREGS for 120 days in 2008 and for another 120 days during 2009 . But this poor family too has been robbed of its due wages . They have been paid Rs 1000 in total for the work of 240 days . In this case too , about Rs 23,000 of NREGS wages that were due to Daddu, have been siphoned off by forest department . Mithu (128), another dalit , too got a very bitter taste of NREGS . During 2008 and 2009 , his family had worked for 120 days in total but received only Rs 1000 in the name of wage . Where is Rs 23,000 of NREGS wage that was due to him ?

Raja (222) worked for 240 days in NREGS projects implemented by forest department during 2008- 2009 , but has not received a single rupee as wage . Who has eaten up Rs 24, 000 that was due to this poor dalit ? Will the Government of UP headed by a dalit ever be able to answer this question ? Jawar (273) had worked for 120 days in 2008 and for 120 days in 2009 , but received just Rs 1000 in the name of NREGS wage . Sarkari mafia of forest department has eaten up about Rs 23,000 in this case too . Mahesh (171) had worked for 40 days in 2008 and for 7 days in 2009, but he has got just Rs 1000 for 47 days of NREGS work during 2 years . In this case Rs 4000 has been siphoned off. Ram Naresh (289) had got 40 days of work in 2008 and 5 days of work in 2009 , but received only Rs 1000 in total as wage . These are NREGS stories of only a few dalit families of Mangawan village , the remaining

workers too have suffered the same fate and their due wages have been eaten up by implementing agencies like forest department in broad day light . If this is not jungle raj then what it is ? At least these poor dalits deserve an answer . Will they get it ever ? ? ???????????????????

2. Chour, located in Unchadih Gram Panchayat (GP), is a poor and backward village of Manikpur block , Chitrakoot district . Of total 70 households (hhs), 55 belong to Kori caste (SC) . The poor dalits of this village have been cheated in the name of NREGS . During April-May 2008, 45 dalit labourers from 29 households of this village worked for 30-35 days in pond construction and *Kharanja* laying projects carried out under the NREGS . However , even after 2 years of the work they have not received their wages for that work .We were told by the villagers (in November 2009) that 12 job cards of the village were in possession of the BDO (block development officer) for over 2 months .

Ramu, a very poor dalit, had got 23 days of work in 2007 but did not get any wage for that . During 2008-9, actually he has not received any job under NREGS but his job card has fake job entry for 84 days . Ram Gopal (110) has not received even a single day of employment under NREGS so far but his job card shows bogus job entry for 97 days during 2007-8 . Achhelal (179), a very poor dalit of Chour , worked for 66 days in April-May 2008 but did not get any wage for that work . The muster roll numbers for that work , as mentioned in the job card, are -8678,17112,17128, 17 131 .

The job card of Chunu (sc), son of Ram Kamhar, were in possession of BDO for over 2 months. Chunu said that Rs 800 of wage money for the work done in 2008 was still pending . Samay Lal (12) had worked for 30 days in 2008 but did not get any wage . Muster roll numbers for this work are 10765 , 17112 . Duwasia (11) had worked for 36 days in Jhalmal pond construction project carried out in 2008 but did not get any wage for that work . Bitola is widow of late Munna La (sc) . She told us that in the name of her dead husband executing officials had shown 30 days of NREGS work and siphoned off the wage amount for the same .Sitaram (17) is another poor dalit of Chour village who was cheated in the name of NREGS . He had worked for 60 days during summer of 2008 but did not get any wage for that work . The muster roll numbers for that work are- 17127, 17 132 .

3.Jhalmal is a small village of Unchadih GP in Manikpur block . All 40 households of this poor village belong to Kol community (sc) .Villagers told us that about 50 labourers of this village had worked for 25-30 days under NREGS during summer of 2008 but were paid only partial wages . 15 of these labourers did not get any wage at all . We were told by the villagers that no Gram Sabha meeting was ever held in their Gram Panchayat and every formality of the same was performed by Gram Pradhan and Panchayat Secretary sitting right in BDO's office .

4.Jhalmal Colony is a small village of Unchadih GP under Manikpur block . All 35 households of this poor village belong to Kol community(SC) . Most job cards of this village were in the possession of Panchayat Secretary. Therefore , it was very difficult to make an assessment of the NREGS in this village . However , after talking to some villagers it was very clear that there was massive corruption and very serious irregularities in the implementation of NREGS in this village . The job card of Ram Kumar (401) was absolutely blank and his family did not get any work under NREGS. Therefore , Ramesh Kumar had no option but to migrate to some town for work . Motilal (202) had got 64 days of work in 2008 and 4 days of work in 2009 . But Motilal says that he did not get his due wages for the work done in 2008 . Sukhilal (133) is another poor dalit of this village who has been cheated by officials of the forest department .The family of Sukhilal had worked for 130 days in 2008 and for 14 days in 2009 in the NREGS project implemented by forest department , but they were paid only half of their due wages . Asha (40) had got 51 days of work in 2008 and 5 days of work in 2009 but did get only part of the due wages . The job card of . Munna (679) has job entry of 100 days for 2008 and of 79 days for 2009 . But actually Munna had done no work at all during 2008 because he had migrated to town in search of job . Therefore , the entire wage money of 100 days in the name of Munna has apparently been siphoned off by executing officials . For 79 days of work that Munna did in 2009 , he was paid only half of the due wages . Moolchand (201) had got 86 days of work in 2008 and 16 days of work in 2009 . For the work done during June-July 2009 , none of the workers in this village have received their wages even after 6 months . We were told by the workers that on every Monday they go to Bank in Manikpur with hope that they would get their pending NREGS wages , but return empty handed spending Rs 30 from their pocket in bus fare. Who says that poor do not have patience ? . But is it worth ?

5.Kekramar is a small village located in Churehkesarua GP of Manikpur block, Chitrakoot district . All 40 households of the village belong to dalit community .When we visited this dalit village , we could find just one job card in the village , the remaining were in the possession of Block Panchayat President (Vinod Kumar Dwivedi) .Therefore , we could not conduct survey

of the NREGS in this dalit village . The sole job card that was found in the possession of a worker belonged to Hari Lal (job card No-207). Hari Lal told us that he had got 65 days of work under the NREGS in July 2009 , but he had not received any wage for that work even after 4 months (last week of November 2009) .

6.Kekaramar Colony is a small village of Churehkesarua Gram Panchayat in Manikpur block .All 35 households of the village belong to Kol community (sc).Kamata, s/o Hari Lal, is a poor Kol dalit . His family had got 54 days of contour bunding work under the NREGS in July 2009 , but he had not been paid his wage till the time of survey (last week of November 2009) . Surajpal , son of Nanhaka , and his wife had worked for 40 days under the NREGS in July 2009, but he had not received his wage even after 4 months . Ram Naresh (891), is another Kol dalit of this village whose NREGS wages have been robbed by executing officials .The family of Ram Naresh had worked for 48 days during July 2008 in a project implemented by the forest department . However , he did not receive a single rupee of wage for that work . In fact , none of the villagers who worked in the NREGS project implemented by forest department during July 2008 were paid any wage .The entire NREGS funds spent on that project were apparently pocketed by the sarkari mafia of forest department . Ram Naresh had also worked for 32 days in July 2009 , but at the time of survey he had received wage for only 11 days .

The family of Ramesh (604) had worked for 58 days during July 2008 in an NREGS project implemented by forest department of UP , but he did not get wage for 48 days . The muster roll numbers of that project are- 19942, 19948. Ramesh had also worked for 31 days in 2009 but received only part of the wage . Phool Chand (186) had worked for 48 days in 2008 but did not get any wage for that work . During 2009, Phoolchand worked for 25 days but received only part of the wage . Bankat Kumari (171) had got 9 days of work in Kekaramar embankment project implemented by the Gram Panchayat during 2008 but she did not get any wage for that work .The muster roll number of that work is 8768. In the same year , she had got 10 days of work in the project implemented by forest department , but her job card bears 21 days of fake job entry in that project .

Chhotaku (214) is another poor dalit of this deprived village who has only bitter memories of the NREGS .His family had got 48 days of work in a project implemented by forest department during 2008 but did not get any wage for that .During 2009, his family had worked for 60 days but received only Rs 1100 as wage till the time of survey . Prema (228) had got 17 days of

work in 2008 but received only Rs 1300 as wage . He had got only 4 days of work in 2009 and even for that work he did not get any wage . Alagu (166) had got 50 days of work in 2009 but was paid only for 26 days .The family of Chandra Pal (152) had worked for 72 days during July 2008 in the project implemented by forest department but did not receive any wage for that work . During 2009 , his family worked for 104 days in a project implemented by the Gram Panchayat but had received wage payment only for 24 days at the time of survey (last week of November 2009) . In this deprived dalit village of Bundelkhand we found guarantee of only corruption and irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS .

7.Semarihapurawa is a an extremely deprived village of Bundelkhand. Located in Churehkesaruwa GP of Manikpur block, this is an entirely dalit village with 45 households of Kol community(SC) . During May-June 2007, 37 workers of this village had worked for 21 days in the NREGS projects (Check dams and Farm Ponds) but none of them was paid any wage for that work .Even the job entries for that work were not made in the job card. Villagers told us that these works were done on the lands of Ram Milan Varma (a BSP worker). The NREGS has brought no employment guarantee in this dalit village but only a few days of occasional jobs . Lawlesh (1268) has got only 21 days of job in 2009 .Umesh (450) had got 38 days of job in 2008 and 45 days of job in 2009 . Chunakawanlal (452) had got 23 days of work in 2008 and 20 days of work in 2009 . Akabar Ali (758) had got 60 days of work in 2008 and only 14 days of work in 2009 . Nathu (882) was lucky to secure 69 days of work in 2008 and 55 days of work in 2009 . Bhoda (753) had got 42 days and 21 days of employment during 2008 and 2009 respectively . Raj Kumar (1284) has got 34 days of job in 2009 . Ram Garib (411) had got only 5 days of job in 2008 and 20 days of job in 2009 . Dharampal (427) had received 31 days of job in 2008 and 26 days of job in 2009 . Ram Kumar (422) had secured only 16 days of work in 2008 and 30 days of work in 2009 . Gobind (1292) has got only 20 days of job in 2009 . Kuisi (423) had got 58 days of work in 2008 and 20 days of work in 2009 . Ashok (451) was given 38 days of work during 2008 and 21 days of work in 2009 . Usani (1291) had got 18 days of work in 2009 but 10 days of wage was still pending at the time of survey .

8.Jaromafi is a very poor village located in Jaromafi Gram Panchayat of Manikpur block . Most villagers still eke out a living by selling fire- wood collected from the forest. They hardly earn Rs 20- 30 for a day of work by selling fire-wood . For every head-load , they have to fork out Rs 2 to the forest guard as bribe . This village desperately needs work under the NREGS . However , we found massive corruption and serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this Bundelkhand village . Most job cards of the village were in the possession of the

forest department and all ration cards in the possession of *kotedar* . We were told by the villagers that actually all the NREGS work in Jaromafi was being done by contractors . Villagers told us that forest department had shown 52- 60 days of fake NREGS jobs in the name of 165 job card holders of Jaromafi GP during 2008 and every card holder was paid Rs 500 to keep his/her mouth shut .The forest department had thus siphoned off Rs 10,60,000 (Ten lakh and sixty thousand) of NREGS funds during 2008 in this Gram Panchayat alone . Most of the workers who had been repeatedly demanding employment under NREGS were denied any job. .

Guddu is a poor kol(dalit) of this village and she has been able to get only 22 days of job during 2009 . The family of Bhola (76) was lucky to secure 104 days of job in 2008 but they got only 14 days of job in 2009 , The wage for 14 days of work was still pending after 3 months of the work . Magalu (260) had got 15 days of work in 2008 and 28 days of work in 2009 . 26 days of wages for the work done in August 2009 were still pending at the time of survey . Rama (8) had got 50 days of work in 2008 and 62 days of work in 2009. 14 days of wages for the work done in 2009 were still pending . Lachhua (152) had worked for 75 days in 2008 and for 11 days in 2009 . However , he was paid only Rs 500 for 75 days of NREGS work done in 2008 .

Radheshyam had done some work under NREGS in August –September but the wage was still pending at the time of the survey .Rajaram (252) had actually secured only 60 days of job in 2008 and 20 days of job in 2009 but his job card has fake job entry of 122 days and 42 days for 2008 and 2009 respectively .Moreover , for the work done in July-August 2009, the wage payment was still pending at the time of survey in the last week of November 2009 . Malhuwa (138) had got 33 days of work in 2008 and 6 days of work in 2009 but was paid only Rs 250 each year as wage . Shivpujan (140) had got only 9 days of work in 2008 and he repeatedly demanded work but could not get it . On 15-10-2008 , he had gone to Regional Triveni Bank in Manikpur with all the necessary documents to open an account for the NREGS but has been unable to get it done till the time of survey . Ashok got NREGS job card only in 2009 but could not get any job under the NREGS because he does not have a bank account as yet . He has visited the bank branch thrice to open an account but failed to get it done . The job card of Chhota (28) has fake job entry of 73 days for 2008 but actually he had got only 2 days of work and even for that he did not get any wage . During 2009 he could not get any job because he does not have a bank account despite visiting the bank for opening an account ten times .

The job card of Suratiya (137) has fake job entry of 26 days for 2008 but actually he had got only 4 days of job . In 2009, he did not get any job . Ramchandra (229) is a very poor dalit of Jaromafi , but he could get only 36 days and 33 days of work in 2008 and 2009 respectively .Raj Kumari (119) had got 32 days of job in 2008 but she was paid only Rs 250 as wage for that work . She did not get any work in 2009 . The job card of Savitri (163) has fake job entry of 151 days for 2008. She had actually got only 40 days of work during that period . During 2009 , she had got only 11 days of work but her job card has fake job entry for 32 days .

The job card of Janak Dulari (207) bears job entries of 152, 171 and 54 days for 2007, 2008 and 2009 respectively . All these job entries are fake . Janak Dulari had actually got only 7,70 and 40 days of jobs during 2007,2008,and 2009 respectively . Ramhriday (64) is a poor dalit but he could get only 19 and 14 days of jobs in 2008 and 2009 respectively . Faguna(74) is also a dalit and he had got 26,109 and 21 days of jobs in 07,08 and 09 respectively . Devidin (55) had got 81 and 32 days of work in 08 and 09 respectively . Sunita is a dalit and sigle woman but she has been unable to get the NREGS job card . So , she could not get any job under the rural job scheme .

Dandi is a very small village of Chheriyakhurd Gram Panchayat , All households of this village are Kols(SC) and almost all are landless . We were told by the villagers that they had refused to work under the NREGS because for 4-6 days of job and wage they are made to run after officials for months together . They found these kinds of NREGS jobs useless for them .

9. Chheriyakhurd is a relatively prosperous village of Chheriyakhurd GP . Most of the households belong to Yadav caste and have lands of their own . None of these Yadav households do need NREGS jobs but most of them have job cards . When we asked them to show their job cards they refused . We were told by local activists that a lot of NREGS funds have been siphoned off in the name of fake works and fake job entries in the job cards of these well off households . The NREGS funds were allegedly siphoned off by executing officials in connivance with these villagers . These villagers were allegedly given part of the siphoned money for allowing their job cards to be used for non-existent and bogus works in the Gram Panchayat . Only a detailed inquiry will be able to bring out the truth about these allegations . However, many villagers , on the condition of anonymity , confirmed that a lot of NREGS funds were siphoned off in name of the job cards of Chheriyakhurd .

10. Chherihakhurdpurawa is a small village located in Chherihakhurd GP of Manikpur block .All 65 households of the village belong to Kol community (dalit) .We found massive

corruption and serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this dalit village . Jamuna (237) had actually got only 20 days of work in 2008 and another 20 days of work in 2009 . However , his job card has fake job entries of 178 days for 2008 and 99 days for 2009 .It is apparent that through these fake job entries in the job card of this poor dalit , executing officials have siphoned off more than Rs 20,000 of the NREGS funds . Budha (298) has got just 10 days of work in 2009 . He has got a new job card . His old job card was in possession of Gram Pradhan for 2 years . Ramkesh (413) had actually got only 20 days and 15 days of work in 2008 and 2009 respectively . But his job card has fake job entries of 58 days and 33 days for the same period . Lachhiya (118) could secure only 27 days of job in 2007 and another 20 days of job in 2008 . He did not get even single day of work in 2009 . Lalla(57) had actually got only 20 days of job in 2007 and 40 days of job in 2008. He could not get any job in 2009 . However , his job card has fake job entries of 59 days for 2007 and for 110 days for 2008 .

Lakshman (148) had actually got only 30, 15 and 30 days of job in 07, 08 and 09 respectively but his job card has fake job entries of 42,124 and 125 days for the same period . Hemraj (354) had actually got only 15 , 15 and 5 days of job in 07,08 and 09 respectively but his job card has fake job entries of 135 days for 08 and 18 days for 09 . Suresh (415) had actually got only 20 days and 30 days of job in 08 and 09 respectively but his job card has fake job entries of 118 days and 83 days for the same period . Shivraj (43) had actually got only 30, 30 and 75 days of job during 07,08 and 09 respectively but his job card bears fake job entries of 107, 143 and 111 days for the same period . Udal (420) had actually secured only 30 days of job each in 08 and 09 but his job card has fake job entries of 53 days and 45 days for the same period . Sripad (42) had actually got only 30,30 and 20 days of job during 07,08 and 09 respectively but his job card has fake job entries of 127, 138 and 20 days for the same period . Chunaka (352) had actually got 60 days of work in 2008 and no work in 2009 but his job card has fake job entry of 172 days for 2008 . Didu Lal had got only 40 days of job in 07 and another 40 days of job in 08 but his job card has fake job entry of 110 and 75 days for 07 and 08 respectively .

Bharosa (241) had actually got only 14, 7 and 7 days of work in 07,08 and 09 respectively but his job card has fake job entries of 111, 57 and 75 days for the same period . Lalli (52) had actually secured only 20, 20 and 15 days of job during 07,08 and 09 respectively but his job card has fake job entries of 54,65 and 60 days for the same period . Not a single household of this dalit village has ever got 100 days of mandatory jobs but executing officials have siphoned off a lot of the NREGS funds by making fake job entries in the job cards of these poor dalits .

11. Gopipur is a very poor village of Karouha GP in Manikpur block . Of the total 300 households , 150 belong to dalits . We found massive corruption and very serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this poor village of Bundelkhand .Villagers told us that about 150 job card holders of the village were paid Rs 200-500 and their job cards were used to make fake job entries by the executing officials of the forest department in order to siphon the NREGS funds .

Paharuwa (18) is a poor Kol (dalit) of Gopipur .He had actually got only 40,50 and 30 days of job during 07,08 and 09 respectively but his job card has fake job entries of 55, 96 and 48 days for the same period . Rambadan(26) is another poor dalit of this village whose job card has been used to siphon NREGS funds. Rambadan actually got only 21, 50 and 43 days of job during 07,08 and 09 respectively but his job card has fake job entries of 21,147 and 78 days for the same period .

The family of Devmuni (139) has not got even a single day of work under the NREGS so far but his job card has fake job entries of 60 and 34 days in 07 and 08 respectively . Munnilal (116) had actually got 49, 100 and 42 days of job in 07,08 and 09 respectively but his job card has fake job entries of 49,249 and 95 days for the same period . Ramdas (25) had got 100 days of work in 2008 but his job card has fake job entry of 207 days for the same period . Nathu (155) was not provided even a single day of work during 2008 and 2009 but his job card has fake job entry of 36 days for 2009 . Indrapal (19) had actually got 75 and 45 days of work in 08 and 09 respectively but his job card has fake job entries of 129 and 93 days for that period .Ramsuddin (391) could secure only 11 and 13 days of job in 08 and 09 respectively . Ramkalesh(147) had actually got only 11 and 20 days of work in 08 and 09 respectively but his job card has fake job entry of 40 days for 09. On the job card of Ramkali(338) we found many cuttings . Ram kali has got 36 days of job in 2008 but no job in 2009 . Ramlakhan has got no job at all and his job card has many cuttings . Rajesh (23) told us that he never worked in the NREGS project implemented by forest department but executing officials made 60 days of fake job entry on his job card and paid Rs 500 to him for the same . Kashama Devi (340) told us that she never worked in any project implemented by forest department but executing officials made fake job entries of 52 days during 2008-09 on her job card and paid her Rs 1200 for the same . We found only corruption guarantee in the implementation of the rural job scheme in this poor and backward village of Bundelkhand .

12. Khadara is a small village located in Kalyanpur GP of Manikpur block . All 27 house holds of the village belong to Kols (dalit) . Ramesh (98) had got only 42 days of work in 2008 and 10 days of work in 2009 . Rambali (480) did not get any job during 2008 but received 84 days of job in 2009 . Rama (107) had got only 39 days of job in 08 and 22 days of job in 09 . Piyariya (95) could get only 8 days of work in 2008 and 23 days of work in 2009 .Balaram (94) had got 21 and 64 days of work in 08 and 09 respectively . Rajesh Kumar (103) could secure 42 and 44 days of work in 08 and 09 respectively . Raja (112) had got 71 and 24 days of work in 08 and 09 respectively .Prahalad (243) did not get any work in 08 but got 45 days of work in 09 . Villagers told us that they received wage payments only after 2-3 months after the work .

13. Barahmafi is an entirely dalit village located in Barahmafi GP of Manikpur block . Despite being a very poor village , most of the households have not been provided 100 days of mandatory job entitlements and the wage payments are usually made after 2-3 months and after several visits to bank branch in Manikpur . Lalman (100) has got 43 and 71 days of NREGS work during 08 and 09 respectively . Ram Lal (58) got 34 and 56 days of work in 08 and 09 respectively .Fusukua (236) has got 36 and 67 days of work in 08 and 09 respectively. Kallu(124) got 21 and 40 days of work, Rajuwa(275) got 58 and 29 days of work and Rajan(466) got 23 and 54 days of work in 08 and 09 respectively .

14. Shekhpur is a poor village located in Nagar GP of Manikpur block .The major complaint of the NREGS workers of this village is that most of them are not provided mandatory 100 days of job and there are inordinate delays in the wage payments. Many of them even complained of non-payment of their due wages even after 4-5 months of the work . Ballu (784) got 61 and 64 days of work in 08 and 09 respectively but he has not received 25 days of wages for the *Kharanja* work done in June 2009 . Daduliya (88) had not received 20 days of wages for the *Kharanja* work done in 2009 .Ramasiya (243) has not received 11 days of wages for the work done in sanctuary in June 2009 . Santosh (19) is a very poor dalit of this village . He has not been paid 90 days of wages for the *kharanja* work done during June 2009 . Heerawa (786) has not been paid 39 days of wages for the work done in June 2009 . Nathu (119) has not been paid 35 days of wage for the work done in June 2009 . Lawalesh (105) has not received 30 days of wages for the *kharanja* work done in June 2009 . Durga (75) has not received 35 days of wages for the *kharanja* work done in June 2009 . Awadh Prasad (94) has not received 25 days of wage for the work done in June 2009 . Kaushal, s/o Makka ,is an asthma patient and desperately needs money for medicine . However , he has not been paid 60 days of wages for the work done way back in June 2009 . We were told by the villagers that the *Kharanja* laying

project was done by a contractor and he had siphoned off a lot of money from this project . We found many more NREGS workers whose wage payments for the kharanja work done in June 2009 were not paid till the time of survey (last week of November 2009) .

15.. We came across 5 households of *Doms* (most backward caste of dalits) in **Haradidadi Bhathapurawa** located in Kalyanpur GP of Manikpur block . We were told by these poorest dalits that they were denied NREGS work by Gram Pradhan because they were untouchables even among dalits and other workers would not allow *doms* to work along with them . The job card of Babuliya (255) has job entries of 29 and 24 days for 08 and 09 respectively .However , Babuliya told us that he had not received even a single day of work in 08 and 29 days of job entry in his card is fake . He admitted that he had somehow managed to get 24 days of work in 09 but was never paid for that work . Gobind (450) has not received any job under NREGS . The job card of Chiraku (459) is absolutely blank because he has not been given any work under the NREGS . Mahangu (256) told us that Gram Pradhan refused to give him any work under the NREGS . Sandip has 3 children but he could not get even job card .We were shocked to find that even after 63 years of Independence , these *dom* dalits were treated as third rate citizens of this country . What is the meaning of democracy, freedom and equality of opportunity for these poorest dalits ? The NREGS functionaries who have denied these dom dalits their fundamental right of life with dignity must be prosecuted under the Dalit Atrocities Act so that no other *dom* family is treated like this .

16. Bandhawa is an entirely dalit village of Kalyanpur Gram Panchayat . All 85 households of this backward village belong to Kols (SC).Most of the villagers told us that they do not get mandatory 100 days of jobs and there is inordinate delay in the wage payment . Most of the workers who had worked during July-August 2009 in contour bunding project under the NREGS were not paid their wages even after 6 months (last week of Nov. 2009) . Ramji (19) is a poor dalit but he could get only 26 days of job during 2009 . Madhu(82) has got 52 days of job and Sidhu(38) has got 48 days of job in 2009 . Shila (66) has got only 29 days of work in 2009. Kesiya (7) has got 58 days of work in 09 but even after 6 months he has not received the wages for that work . Motilal (271) is a very poor dalit but he could get only 19 days of work in 08 and 6 days of work in 09 .Motilal says that even after doing work under NREGS , it is very difficult to get the wages . That is why most of the poor villagers migrate to some city in search of livelihood .

Ashok (338) is a very poor dalit of this village but he could get only 31 and 37 days of work in 08 and 09 respectively .Moreover , he has not received his wages for 37 days of work done in 09 . Khella (4) has got 64 days of work in 08 and 24 days of work in 09 . Dinesh (47) had got 18 days of work in 08 and 48 days of work in 09 but he has not received wages for 48 days of work done in 09 . Pardeshi (23) had got 54 days of work in 09 but 35 days of wages are still pending . Deshraj (76) got 30 days of work in 09 but 20 days of wages were still pending at the time of survey . Rajbahadur (336) had got 49 days of work in 09 but 32 days of wages were pending .Lalji (50) had got 80 days of work in 09 but 52 days of wages were pending .Ramnarayan (58) had got 78 days of work in 09 but 27 days of wages were pending .Bhurelal(88) had got only 13 days of work in 09 and 5 days of wages were pending .Jamuna (44) got 84 days of work in 09 but 31 days of wages were pending . Bela (26) had got 29 days of work in 09 but 22 days of wages were pending .

17 .Nagar is a very poor village of Bundelkhand . Located in Nagar GP of Manikpur block , this Chitrakook village has 150 house holds . Of these 80 households belong to Kol (SC) .We found massive corruption and irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this village . Villagers told us that executing officials of the forest department in connivance with 50-60 job card holders of this village had siphoned off a lot of NREGS funds showing bogus work in the nearby sanctuary and fake job entries in the job cards paying 25 per cent of the siphoned wages to these job card holders and pocketing 75 per cent of the siphoned money for them selves.

Mewalal (7) is a poor dalit of Nagar . He could get only 15 days of work in 09 . Moreover, the wages were still pending at the time of the survey .Gulake (205) had got 20 days of work in 08 and 66 days of work in 09 .However , 46 days of wages were still pending . Kalathu (11) had got 56 days of work in 08 and 54 days of work in 09 but 44 days of wages were pending for months . Khanmoon (28) had got 63 days of work in 09 but 47 days of wages were pending at the time of survey . Lalman (7) had got 97 days of work in 09 but 50 days of wages were pending . Mangaluwa (20) had got 35 days of work in 09 but 20 days of wages were pending . Punjabi (26) had got 90 days of work but 21 days of wages were pending . Bauda (104) had got 81 days of job but 42 days of wages were pending .Kairi Devi , wife of Bauda , went to the bank branch in Manikpur 6-7 times but could not get the pending wages .

18. Lakshmanpur Choukipurwa is a small dalit village located in Kalyanpur GP of Manikpur block . Major complaint of the villagers is that they do not get adequate work under the NREGS

and even for the works done they are made to wait for months before they get their wage payments . Rambhawan (22) had got 59 days of work in 09 but 18 days of wages were still pending at the time of the survey . Kishorilal (230) had got 112 days of work in 09 but 72 days of wages were pending . Shankar (222) had got 58 days of job in 09 but 48 days of wages were pending . Rajaniya (203) had got 68 days of work in 09 but 38 days of wages were pending . Radheshyam (224) had secured 116 days of job in 09 but 50 days of wages were pending

Nita (221) had got 100 days of job in 09 but 33 days of wages were pending .Rampal (225) had got 75 days of work in 09 but 23 days of wages were pending . Shivcharan (210) had got only 22 days of work during 2009 and 12 days of wages were still pending . Premlal (232) had got 78 days of work but 33 days of wages were still pending .Sarman (207) had got 104 days of work in 09 but 41 days of wages for the work done in sanctuary in summer were still pending . Shanti (223) had secured 95 days of work in 09 but 30 days of wages were pending .Bijlal (208) had got 91 days of job in 2009 but 35 days of wages for the work done during May-June 2009 was still pending at the time of survey (November 2009) .Kabutari (218) had got 43 days of work in 09 but 30 days of wages were pending. Devidayal(217) got 80 days of work in 09 but 34 days of wages were pending . Shanu Prasad (231) had got 47 days of work in 09 but 34 days of wages were pending . Kusuma Devi (226) had got 52 days of work in 09 but 23 days of wages were pending . Rattiya (209) had secured 157 days of work in 09 but 67 days of wages were pending .

Banda District

19. Kartal is a big but very poor village located in Kartal GP of Narayani block, Banda district .Of 500 total households in the village , 300 belong to dalits (Schedule Caste-SC).Dalit families of Kartal are extremely poor and desperately need wage employment under the rural employment scheme . However , the NREGS has miserably failed to provide wage employment to most of these poor dalits .Therefore , large number of workers have migrated to towns and cities in search of wage employment . Most of the workers who had got 10-20 days of wage employment in a pond digging project during June 2009 have either not been paid at all or received only partial wages . We found massive corruption and serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in Kartal .

Sobarat (407) is a very poor dalit of Kartal and has 5 children to look after but has never got even a single day of wage employment under the NREGS . Malkhan (401) is also a poor dalit but has never got any wage employment under the NREGS ; therefore , his sons have migrated to cities in search of wage employment .Devidin (568) got 19 days of work in August-September 2009 for the first time . Bahadur (561) and Gunthi (710) have never got any job under the NREGS. Shivkumari Devi (718) is a very poor dalit widow and asked for the NREGS work but could not get even a single day of work . Thakurdin(707), Swamidin (711), Ramnarayan Kori(347), Karal Kori (439), Nathu (562) and Nathu Prasad (413) have never ever got any work under the NREGS despite demanding the same repeatedly . The job card of Raju Chamar (424)is absolutely blank but he had got 20 days of work during June 2009 in a pond digging project . However , he had not received any wage for that work at the time of survey in December 2009 .The job card of Maiyadin Chamar (569) is also blank but he had worked for 10 days during June 2009 in a pond digging work. He did not get any wage for that work .

Raju (52), Bhola Chamar (557), Gudaha Kori (321) and Nathu (506) have never ever got even a single day of the NREGS work despite asking for the same several times . Kallu (65) had got 12 days of job in pond digging project during June 09 but did not get any wage . Kamatu (36) had got 44 days of work in 09 but got only Rs 1000 as wage till the time of survey in December 2009 . Dayaram Kori (412) had got 14 days of work in 09 but got only partial wage . Chhotelal Kori (563) had got 20 days of work in 09 but received only Rs 1000 as wage . Kallu (564) had got 45 days of work in 09 but had received only Rs 2000 as wage at the time of survey .We were told by the villagers that there was massive corruption in the implementation of the NREGS in Kartal .

20. Babupur is a small village located in Kartal GP of Narayani block . Of 80 total households , 70 belong to very poor dalits . The NREGS has miserably failed to provide wage employment to the poor workers of Babupur . We found massive corruption and serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this poor village of Bundelkhand .The labourers of this village have got very few days of employment in last 4years . During 2006-7 , some workers had got 10-20 days of job . After that , workers got 20-30 days of employment in 2009 but received only 5-10 days of wages . We were told by the villagers that 150 workers of this village had worked for 20-30 days in a pond digging project during May –June 2009 , but 48 labourers' names were not even entered on the muster roll .The names of remaining 102 laboureres were entered on the muster roll but they received only Rs 500 as wage for 20-30 days of work .

Villagers told us that executing officials had siphoned off NREGS wages of 150 workers using bogus job cards and fake job entries on them .

We were shocked to learn that two NREGS workers of this village died in September 2009 probably because of non-payment of their NREGS wages. Sikadar was a poor dalit of this village and was suffering from asthma .He had worked in the pond digging project during May-June 2009 but did not receive wage for that work . Therefore , he had no money to buy required medicines and died of asthma in September 2009. A small dalit girl also died in similar circumstances . The daughter of Ramlal fell sick but he could not buy any medicine for her because he had not received his NREGS wages for the work done in May-June 2009 . Who is responsible for these unfortunate deaths ?Will the culprits ever be held accountable and prosecuted for their crimes ?

Raghubar Chamar (74) is a very poor dalit of Babupur but he had been able to secure only 20 days of work in 09 . Moreover , he had got only Rs 500 as wage .Ram Bharosa (63) has secured only 24 days of job in last 3 years. Moreover, he had received only Rs 1000 as wage at the time of survey . Shiv Prasad (31) had got 36 days of work in 09 but received only Rs 500 as wage till the time of survey .Bhura Ahirwar (65) had got 36 days of work in May-June 2009 but received only Rs 1000 as wage till the time of survey. Jagatpal (288) had got 24 days of work in May-June 09 but received only Rs 500 as wage . Suniya (594) had got only 12 days of work in 09 and received only Rs 500 as wage . Nathuram (274) got 48 days of work in pond digging project during May-June 09 but received only Rs 1500 as wage .

Ramjas (290) is a very poor dalit of Babupur .He had got 40 days of work in May-June 09 but received only Rs 1000 as wage .Jairam (341) had got 20 days of work in May-June 09 but received only Rs 1000 as wage . Kripal (286) had got 65 and 20 days of work in 08 and 09 respectively but did not receive even a single rupee as wage . Suresh Kumar Domar (57) had got 24 days of work in 09 but received only Rs 1000 as wage . Mewalal (11) got 36 days of work in 09 but only Rs 1000 as wage . Mantri (6) got 16 days of job in 09 but only Rs 900 as wage . Devidin had got 36 days of work in 09 but only Rs 1000 as wage .Sukaru got 40 days of job in 09 but only Rs 1000 as wage . Raju (301) had got 32 days of work in 09 but did not receive any wage . Bhola (287) got 16 days of work in 09 but only Rs 500 as wage . Shambhu had got 30 days of work in 09 but only Rs 1000 as wage .

21.Bairagipurva is a small village of Kartal GP in Narayani block . We found massive corruption and irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this poor village . There was a pond

work executed under the NREGS in May –June 2009 . The workers who worked in this project have either received no wage or only partial wage .We were told by the villagers that in this village fake job entries, non-payment of wages and bogus projects were normal things . Devidayal (640) had got 90 days of work in 2009 but received wage for only 40 days . Rambaran had got 110 days of job in 09 but received wage for only 60 days . Ramanand (143) had got 73 and 60 days of work in 08 and 09 respectively but got wage for only 28 days and 30 days for the same . Babli (591) had got 60 days of work during 09 but received wage for only 30 days . Raju (340) had got 80 days of work but received wage for only 20 days . Shiv Prasad (147) had got 50 days of job in 09 but 30 days of wage was pending at the time of survey . Ramaasare had worked for 50 days during May-June 09 but had not received wage at the time of survey in December 2009. Dadu had worked for 40 days in May –June 09 but wage was still pending at the time of survey . Lalu(268) got 90 days of work in 09 but 70 days of wage was pending at the time of survey . We met many more workers in this village who had worked in the pond digging project during May-June 09 but had not received wage for that work even 6 months later .

22. Ragauli Bhatpura is a poor village located in Ragauli GP of Narayani block . The NREGS has failed to provide wage employment to poor workers of Ragauli village . Radheshyam Kori (72) is a very poor dalit of this village but has got no job at all under the NREGS in last 3 years. Babulal (19) too is a poor dalit and handicapped . He has got only 9 days of work in last 3 years. Shankar Baldu (105) has got no work during 2009 . Gora Kori (160) has never got any work under the NREGS . Ladaku (156) was not provided any work in last 2 years . Kamata Lohar (184) has got only 3 days of work in last 3 years. Ramkishan has actually got only 6 days of work in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry for 35 days . Sriram (47) has got no work in 09 . Munna (86) has got only 56 days of work in last 3 years. Raju Kori (704) has got no work in last 2 years . Rajaram Kori (235) has never got any work . Bhura (360) has never got any work in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry for 24 days in 09 . Daduram (258) is a poor dalit but got no work in last 2 years . Jaypal (17) has actually never worked under the NREGS but his job card has fake job entry for 135 days .He was paid Rs 500 by Gram Pradhan to keep his mouth shut . Bhawanidin (183) is a poor dalit but never got any work under the NREGS . In fact , his brother was beaten up by Gram Pradhan who has let loose reign of terror in this village . Villagers told us that Gram Pradhan is a Thakur and siphoned off a lot of the NREGS fund through fake job entries on 50-60 job cards. Most of the

villagers have got no work under the NREGS and Gram Pradhan gives jobs to his supporters only .

23.Hanumantpur is a small village located in Rangauli GP of Narayani block . There are 25 households in total . Most of the households do not have even job cards and those who have job cards have hardly got any work under the NREGS . Nathu Kahar (169) is fortunate to have a job card but he has got only 8 days of work in last 3 years .Babu has also got job card but got only 8 days of work in 3 years . Santosh, Daduram, Shiv Prasad , Sriram, Vishali Rayakwar, Chhotelal, Bhawanidin, Devidayal ,Sohawan, pawan, Raju, Mahesh, Naresh, Ashok , Ganga , Bala, and Rajan have not received even job cards .

24 . Bhanwarpur is a very poor village located in Bilharka GP of Narayani block ,Banda district . Of total 150 households in the village , 100 belong to dalit community .The NREGS has been an absolute failure in this backward village of Bundelkhand . Due to lack of wage employment in the village , 50-60 workers have migrated to cities and towns in search of wage employment . Most households of the village have either received no wage employment or received very few days of job under the NREGS .Ramashray (243) and Ram Milan(229) are very poor dalits but have received no job at all under the NREGS since its launch . Motilal (216) was fortunate to get 31 days of work in 2007 but that is the only job his family has got in last 4 years . Gurudev(144) and Kishora(232) are also very poor dalits but have not received even a single day of work under the NREGS since its launch . Sukhnandan (109) was fortunate to get 55 days of work in 2007 but that is the only work he has got since the launch of the rural job scheme.

Ratiram (172), Ramdev (87), Bhaiyaram (03), Chandrapal (07), Srivishal (142),Jairam (250), Ghasiram(06), Aanandilal (85), Baura (218), Nathu (05), Rambharosi (11),Puran(75), Mahesh (112),Meda (228), Ramganesh (89) and Kallu are very poor dalits but received not even a single day of wage employment under the NREGS since its launch .Safik (86),Rashida (17) and Sultan (110) are very poor Muslims but have not got a single day of work in last 4 years . Badalu Ahirwar (20) has got 24 days of wage employment in last 4 years. Raju (82) is a very poor dalit but received only 23 days of work under the NREGS in last 4 years .

25. Biduwapurawa is a backward village located in Bilharka GP of Narayani block . This village has no school, no ICDS centre and no primary health care centre .Most households

have either got no job at all or got only few days of work in last 4 years . Therefore , about 60 workers have migrated to cities and towns in search of wage employment .Bhola (128), Ramdin (248), Maiya (133), Betalal(130) ,Rambali (01) and Kishorilal (222) – all are in dire need of wage employment but received no job at all under the NREGS since its launch .Ramdin(134) has got only 6 days of work, Bhura (129) has got 50 days of work and Sitaram(190) has got 64 days of work in last 3 years . Halku (1) has got 22 days of work, Nathu (327) too has got only 22 days of work , Ramvishal (92) has got 24 days of work , Badri(224) has got 8 days of work , Sharman (131) has got 28 days of work, Chhota (183) has got 18 days of work , Rakesh (247) has got 30 days of work ,Binda Kewat (266) has got 28 days of work , Gokul (91) has got 24 days of work and Channa (185) has got 29 days of work in last 3 years .What kind of employment guarantee has been provided by the NREGS in this deprived village of Bundelkhand ?

26. Ranipur is a very poor and backwark village located in Bilharka GP of Narayani block . Of total 150 households , half belong to dalit community . The NREGS has miserably failed to provide wage employment to the workers of this Bundelkhand village .Most households of this village have either got no work at all or got very few days of work . Many have not received even job card . Therefore , more than 150 labourers of this village have migrated to cities and towns in search of wage employment .Shankar (295) is a very poor dalit of Ranipur but has got no job at all under the NREGS since its launch 3 years ago .Nathu and Bihari are very poor dalits but they have not received even job cards . Mohan (121) has not got any work in last 3 years .Daddu (284) has got only 24 days of work in last 3 years .

Munna Patel ,Ramratan, Ramvatar,Janakisharan,Jitendra, Shyam Swarup, Kamalesh Patel, Raj Kishor Yadav, Chandrapal Yadav, Baldev Kumhar, Ram Sanehi, Chhathi, Gorelal, Shyam Yadav, Nathu Yadav, Phullu, Shiv Prasad Patel, Badri, Ladaku and Nathu – all of them are poor and do need wage employment but they have not received even job cards . Manoj (242) is a poor dalit but has got only 14 days of work in last 3 years. Shankar (295) too is a poor dalit but got only 25 days of work in 3 years . Mohan (121) has got just 28 days of work in 3 years .Lallu (119) has got 43 days of work in 3 years . Meda (77) is a poor dalit but got only 12 days of work in 3 years .Shukaru (147) is a poor dalit but got only 25 days of work in 3 years .

27. Panchampur is a big but backward and poor village of Bundelkhand . Located in Panchampur GP of Narayani block , Banda district , this village has 400 households in total . About one fourth of the households belong to dalits . We surveyed 23 dalit households and found abysmal state of the NREGS in this village. Most households of this village have either

got no work at all or got very few days of work . Devidin (17) is a poor dalit of Panchampur but has got no work at all since the launch of the NREGS 4 years ago . Raju (13) has got only 18 days of work in 2009 . Kamaliya (91) is a poor dalit but received only 30 days of work in last 3 years . Ramkishor (187) has got no work in 09 and Bhura (104) has got only 24 days of work in 09 . Ramaasare (04) has migrated to town in search of wage employment because he did not get any work under the NREGS . Thakurdin (300) has got only 6 days of job in last 3 years .

Hariya (54) has not received even a single day of work in last 3 years . Ramdev (84) got 40 days of job and Mahadev has got 34 days of job in last 3 years . Babu (121) has not received any work in last 3 years . Jagdev (80) has got 10 days of work and Kunwariya (236) got 20 days of work in last 3 years . Mahesh Prasad(203) has got only 11 days of work , Jaganath (73) has got only 21 days of work , Bhuri (202) got only 7 days of work, Thakurdin (300) got only 6 days of work, Lotan (16)got 26 days of work , Rajkumar (38) got 25 days of work and Santosh 230) has got only 14 days of work in last 3 years . Ramhulas (19) and Chunnu (03) are very poor dalits of Panchampur but they have not received even a single day of wage employment since the launch of the scheme .

28. Banjarapurawa is a dalit dominant village located in Pongari GP of Narayani block , Banda district . Of 150 total households in this village, 100 belong to dalits . Most households of this village have either got no work at all or got very few days of work in last 3 years . Mobinkhan (244) is desperate for wage employment but has not received any work under the NREGS since its launch . Maniram (38) was fortunate to get 41 days of work in 2009 . Kamalesh (273) and Mulla (230) have not received any work since its launch . Bhagawandin (218) has got 40 days of work in 09 and Tejawa (246) has got 25 days of work in 09 . Peeru(200) has not got any work in last 3 years, Chhangu(165) has got only 15 days of work in last 3 years and Mohan (187) has got 54 days of employment in last 3 years .

29. Nahari is a big but backward village of Banda district . Located in Nahari GP of Narayani block , this village has 400 households in total . Dalits constitute about half population of this village . Most households of this village have either got no work at all or got very few days of work . Chhota (415) is a poor dalit of Nahari but has got only seven and a half days of work since the launch of the NREGS . Rajkishor (219) is also a poor dalit but he has not got even a single day of work in last 3 years . Ramawatar (258) is an extremely poor dalit and has been asking for the wage employment since its launch 3 years ago, but he has not got even a

single day of work till date. Pradhan has denied job to Ramawatar because he is handicapped . Ramawatar's wife died of hunger and starvation in 2005 .

Komal Mali (461) has got only 6 days of work in last 3 years and he got wage for only 4 days . Ramdin(228) has got 52 days of work and Lotan (112) got 62 days of work in last 3 years .But Lotan has got no work in 2009 . Lotan is 42 years old but looks very weak . His wife died of starvation in 2005 . Before her death no one in the family had got anything to eat for 10 days together . Lotan did not have money even for the last rites of her wife and some people in the village helped him to perform the same . The marriage of his daughter was also done with the help of villagers . Lotan did not get a single rupee of help from the welfare state of India . Mullar(142) had got 63 days of work during 07 and 08 but no work in 09 . Babulal (298) had got 52 days of work in 07-08 but no work in 09 . Nathu (452) and Dhaniram (433) are very poor dalits but did not get any work in 2009 . Matadin (460) and Rajaram (215) have got no work in 09 . Ramhriday (323) got only 8 days of work in 09 . Mangaldin (427) and Chhote (438) are very poor dalits but did not get any work in 2009 .Baijnath (125) is also very poor dalit but has not received any work in last 3 years .

Sunderlal (446) is extremely poor but has received no work under the NREGS in last 3 years . His father had died of starvation on 13th February 2005. Before his father's death the entire family had starved for 15 days . The last rites of his father were performed with the help of villagers . This family had a small plot of land but that too has been now captured by Medini Pandit of Udaipurawa (neighbouring village). Rahul Gandhi had also visited those families where starvation deaths had taken place but these unfortunate families did not get any help from any where .

Ramdin (228), Chunnu Chamar (177) and Bablu (127) did not get any NREGS work during 2009 .Vrindavan (101) got only 10 days of work in 09 . Bhura (195) is a very poor dalit but has never got any work under the NREGS . Dayaram (183) and Munni(80) are extremely poor dalits of Nahari but have not received even a single day of work in last 3 years .

30. Diulipurva is entirely dalit village . Located in Nahari GP of Narayani block, this poor village has 130 households in total .The NREGS has miserably failed to provide wage employment to this dalit village of Bundelkhand . Jhallu (82) has not received any work in 2009 . Mantri (77) has got only 26 days of work in last 3 years . The job card of Babulal (393) has 24 days of fake job entry. He has never got even one day of NREGS employment . Ramcharan (261) had got only 31 days of work in last 3 years . Moreover , he could not get any

wage for that work . Achhelal (75) has got only 18 days of work in last 3 years . Ramsanehi (147) has got no job in 09 . Nanhu (162) has got only 19 days of work in 09 but 10 days of wages were still pending .Mauki (160) has got only 2 days of work in last 3 years .

Ramgopal (266) and Ladaku (378) have not received any wage employment in last 3 years . Lalati (159) has got only 25 days of work in 3 years and Ramesh (81) has got only 16 days of work in 3 years .Shivrajiya (222) has got only 21 days of work in last 3 years and got only Rs 348 as wage for that work . Vishali (74) has got only 12 days of work and Nathu(209) has got only 6 days of work in last 3 years . Jaipal (237) has got only 8 days of work in last 3 years . Is this the kind of employment guarantee the NREGS is supposed to provide ?

31. Nidhua is a big village located in Nidhua GP of Narayani block . Of 700 total households in the village , 300 belong to dalits . We surveyed 21 poor dalit households in the village .

Ramcharan (156) is a poor dalit of Nidhua and he had worked under the NREGS during 2007 .However, he has not yet received Rs 7000 of the due wages for that work .He even went to Lucknow to meet Chief Minister so that he could get his pending wages . However , he could not get his wages even after some intervention from the Chief Minister's office .Bhupat (146) is another poor dalit of this village whose wages of Rs .10,000 for the work done in 2007-8 were still pending at the time of survey in December 2009 . Bhupat has got only 9 days of work in 2009 .Ramadhar (145) is very poor dalit of Nidhua but his wages of Rs.10,000 for the work done during 2007-8 are still pending . He has got only 5 days of work in 09 . Kalicharan (288) has got only 6 days of work in 09 and he too has not received wages of Rs 5000 for the work done in 2007-8 . Devidin Dhobi did not receive wage amount of Rs 5000 for the work done in 2007-8. Chhotu Meda Dhobi did not receive wage amount of Rs 5000 for the work done in 2007-8. Sunil Kumar (190) has got only 5 days of work in 09 . Chhotelal (149) has got only 4 days of NREGS work in 09 and he did not receive wage amount of Rs 3000 for the work done in 2007-8.

Rajkishor (325) has not received any work under the NREGS in last 3 years . Prabhudayal and Raghubir have not received their wage amount of Rs 7000 for the work done in 2007-8. Shivcharan(136) got only 2 days of NREGS employment during 2009 and he too did not receive wage amount of Rs 10,000 for the work done in 2007-8. Halki (120) has got only 5 days of work in 09 and she did not receive wage amount of Rs 2000 for the work done in 2007-8.

Gora (111) got only 2 days of work in 09 and he did not receive wage amount of Rs 10,000 for the work done in 2007-8. Shyam Ratan (163) got only 2 days of work in 09 and he did not receive wage amount of Rs 6000 for the work done in 2007-8. Dinesh did not receive wage amount of Rs 6000 for the work done in 2007-8. Ratiram (114) did not receive wage amount of Rs 10,000 for the work done in 2007-8. Nandu(72) did not receive wage amount of Rs 3000 for the work done in 2007-8. Ramdev (164) too did not receive wage amount of Rs 3000 for the work done in 2007-8. Rajkaran (68) got no work at all during 09 and he has not received wage amount of Rs 10,000 for the NREGS work done during 2007-8. Many of these poor dalits who have not received their due wages for the NREGS work done 2 years ago went to meet Chief Minister in Lucknow seeking her intervention but failed to get their wages.

32. Narsinghpur is a dalit majority village located in Pipara GP of Narayani block. Of total 75 households in the village, 65 are dalits. The NREGS has miserably failed to provide wage employment to the poor dalits of Narsinghpur. Therefore, over 150 dalit labourers of this village have migrated to cities and towns in search of wage employment. We found massive corruption and irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this village of Banda district.

The job card of Dayaram (167) has 209 days of job entries for last 3 years. However, Dayaram has actually got only 111 days of work in last 3 years. Therefore, 98 days of job entries are fake. In other words, executing officials have siphoned off wage amount of Rs. 9800 in the name of this poor dalit. Ramaasare (249) got 50 days of work in July-August 2009 but had not received the wage for that work at the time of survey in December 2009.

Santosh Kumar (136) has been living in Haridwar for last 3 years and none of his family members have actually got any NREGS work in last 3 years, but his job card has fake job entry for 78 days. In other words, executing officials have siphoned off wage amount of Rs 7800 in the name of this poor dalit. The job card of Sipahilal (117) shows job entry for 24 days but actually he got only 4 days of NREGS work in last 3 years. Therefore, 20 days of wage money has apparently been siphoned off. Ranvijay Singh (212) has never ever worked under the NREGS but his job card has fake job entry for 24 days. The job card of Ramadhar (205) has job entry for 88 days but actually he has not worked for more than 30 days.

Sharada Prasad (160) is a poor dalit of Narsinghpur and his job card has job entry for 159 days but actually he did not get more than 50 days of work during that period. Babu Yadav(200) has actually got only 6 days of job in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry for 42 days. Chhangu (313) is a poor dalit but he has got no NREGS work in last 3 years. Nathu Prasad

(115) is a very poor dalit but he has not received any work under the NREGS . In fact, whenever Nathu Prasad asked for the NREGS work , he was humiliated , abused and chased away from the worksite by henchmen of the Gram Pradhan .

Ramawatar (254) is a very poor dalit of Narsinghpur but he has got only 2 days of work in last 3 years . Kamata Prasad (110) is also a very poor dalit but he has not received even a single day of the NREGS work in last 3 years . He went to the worksite many a time but was denied job every time . Dinesh Kumar(99) has actually got only 3 days of work in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry for 12 days . The job card of Jag Prasad (168) has fake job entry for 61 days . The job card of Nanhu Ahirwar (76) has fake job entry for 254 days but actually he has got not more than 120 days of work . In other words, wage amount of about Rs. 13,000/ has been siphoned off in the name of this poor dalit . Shivnandi Chamar (112) is another poor dalit in whose name executing officials have siphoned off Rs.7500/ of NREGS fund. He has actually got only 10 days of work but his job card has fake job entry for 85 days .

In the name of Ram Swarup (86), executing officials have siphoned off Rs 18,000/ of NREGS fund . He has actually got only 30 days of work but his job card has fake job entry for 210 days .Ram Pratap (134) has actually got only 15 days of job but his job card has fake job entry for 90 days . Raju Prasad Yadav (229) has never got any work under the NREGS . The job card of Lotan Prasad (88) has fake job entry for 221 days whereas actually he has not received more than 60 days of work under the NREGS . It is apparent that executing officials have pocketed about Rs 16,000/ of the NREGS fund in the name of this poor dalit of Bundelkhand .

33.Raja Ka Purawa is an entirely dalit village . Located in Pipara GP of Narayani block, this is a very poor and backward village of Banda district . There are 45 households in total . Most of the villagers have either got no job or got it only for a few days .

Munnilal (255) and Ramdas (37) are very poor dalits but they have not received even a single day of NREGS work during 2009 . Himmat (18) has got only 5 days of work in 09 . Rambhawan (169) has actually got no NREGS employment in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry for 60 days .Kallu (109) has actually got only 3 days of work but his job card has 32 days of fake job entry . The job card of Raj Kumar (65) has job entry for 234 days whereas he has actually got only 3 days of job . It is apparent that executing officials have stolen about Rs 23,000/ of the NREGS fund in the name of this poor dalit . Phulchand (27) has actually got only 40 days of work but his job card has fake job entry for 180 days. In other words, sarkari babus have pocketed about 14,000/ of NREGS fund in the name of this poor dalit .Rajendra (126) has got

only 8 days of work since its launch . Mathur Prasad (173) has actually got only 30 days of job but his job card has fake job entry for 100 days. In this case about Rs 7000/ has been siphoned off. Vasanta (229) did not get any work under the NREGS and he migrated to town but his job card has fake job entry for 48 days . Rs 48,00/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off in this case .

Munna (15) has got only 80 days of work in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry for 204 days . Executing officials have apparently pocketed about Rs 12,000/ of NREGS fund in the name of this dalit worker . Bhura (64) has actually got only 25 days of job but his job card has job entry for 174 days . It means that sarkari babus have stolen about Rs 14,900/ of NREGS fund in the name of this poor dalit . Motilal (17) has actually got only 40 days of work but his job card shows fake job entry for 180 days. About Rs 14,000/ of NREGS fund has been stolen in this case . Ganesh Prasad (166) and Ramashankar (231) did not get any work under the NREGS , therefore, they have migrated to some town in search of wage employment . Shivpal (55) has got only 16 days of job in last 3 years .Ganesh Prasad (145) has actually got only 13 days of wage employment in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry for 42 days . Basadhari (165) has not received any work under the NREGS since its launch . Ramdas (52) has actually got 100 days of job in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry for 240 days .In other words , executing officials have pocketed about Rs 14,000/ of NREGS fund in the name of this poor dalit of Bundelkhand .

Mahoba District

34. Belatal is a big village located in Jaitpur GP of Mahoba district . Dalits constitute about one –third population of this village .Most people in the village have either got no work or got very few days of work .Gulabrani (291) is a poor dalit of Belatal but she has got no NREGS work since its launch . Pannilal (445), Laluram (290), Phula Rani (261), Chhiddi (1054) and Babulal(450) are very poor dalits of this village but have got no NREGS job at all since the launch of the scheme. Phula Devi (284) has got only 31 days of work in last 4 years .Rekha (219) is a poor dalit but got only 27 days of work in last 4 years . Parasram (447) has got only 78 days of work in last 4 years . Gorelal has not received even job card . Lakshmi (449) is a very poor dalit but received only 15 days of work in last 4 years .

35. Thurat is a very backward village of Mahoba district . Located in Thurat GP of Jaitpur block , this village has 700 households in total . Dalits constitute about half population of this village. The NREGS has been an utter failure in this Bundelkhand village . About 300 workers of this village have migrated to towns and cities in search of wage employment . Kilkuta (116) is a poor dalit of Thurat but got only 21 days of work in last 4 years . Asharam (246) too is very poor dalit but received only 10 days of NREGS work in last 4 years . Bhagawat Singh Thakur (315) has got only 13 days of work in last 4 years . Govindi (219) has got 51 days of work in last 4 years .Pancha (292) is very poor dalit but got only 32 days of work in last 4 years .

Ramnath (123) is a deprived dalit of Thurat but received only 10 days of work in last 4 years .Sukaiya (299) has got 48 days of work in last 4 years . Aasharam (112) has got only 27 days of work and Sripat (44) has got 64 days of work during last 4 years . Ramsaiya (122) got 59 days of work, Amaan (223) got for 38 days and Gorelal (257) got only 47 days of work in last 4 years . Ghanshyam (12) has got 70 days of work in 4 years but Shivbatti (246) has never ever got even a single day of NREGS work .

36. Parawari is a dalit majority poor village located in Rajawani GP of Jaitpur block . Of 70 total households in the village , 40 are dalits . The performance of the NREGS in this deprived village of Mahoba district has been highly disappointing . Most households of this Bundelkhand village have either not received any job at all or got it only for very few days .

Balchand (216), Vidya (195) and Suresh (66) are very poor dalits of this village but have not received any wage employment under the NREGS in last 4 years . Rajesh Ahirwar (211) is a very poor dalit but has got only 4 days of NREGS work in last 4 years .Kalicharan (215) has got only 27 days of NREGS work in last 4 years .Shivcharan Rajput (207) has got only 32 days of NREGS work in last 4 years . Pancham (56) has got only 14 days of NREGS work in last 4 years . Kisana (20)has got only 10 days of NREGS work in last 4 years and Hardayal (242) has got 8 days of NREGS work in last 4 years .

Mijajilal (212),Ramdevi (91),Prakash Ahirwar (221), Ramswarup (24), Vanshidhar (248), Gariba (97), Babu(98) , Hadu (250), Kalicharan (241) and Matadin (275),- all are very poor dalits but have never ever got even a single day of wage employment under the NREGS .

37. Budhaura is a deprived village of Bundelkhand . Located in Budhaura GP of Jaitpur block , this village has 500 households in total . Dalits constitute about half population of this village . The NREGS has been an utter failure in this village of Mahoba district . We surveyed 24 dalit

households of this village but they have either got no work or got only few days of work in last 4 years .

Charandas , Girija ,Santosh Kumar,Chandu and Harprasad are very poor dalits of Budhaura but have not received even a single day of NREGS employment since its launch . Ganpat Prasad has got only 15 days of work , Khyali Ram got only 20 days of work , Bhupat Singh got for 35 days , Rambharose for only 7 days ,Kunwarlal too got only 7 days of work. Ranjit Prasad for 7 days , Bhup Kishor for 8 days , Paramlal , Mannalal and Arjun for 5 days each , Pratap Singh for 4 days , Nawalkishor for 15 days , Rampal Ahirwar for 7 days only , Munnilal for 20 days , Beni Prasad got only 7 days of work , Munna lal for 10 days , Narayan too got only 10 days of work and Bihari got only 4 days of NREGS work in last 4 years .

38. Kilahawa is a big village of Mahoba district .Located in Kilahawa GP of Panwadi block , this poor village has 1000 households in total . Dalits constitute about half population of this village The NREGS has miserably failed to provide wage employment in this village. Most households in the village have either got no wage employment or got it only for a few days .

Laldas (83), Parma (204), Chhakkilal, Kishori (473), Narayandas (89),Lakhan Kumar and Bhopat Chamar- all are very poor dalits of Kilahawa village but have received no wage employment whatsoever since the launch of NREGS . Lakhan (310), Indrapal (407), Govinddas (306), Mahendra (198), Rameshwar (307), Shantpal (308), Rajendra Kumar (305) and Tulasidas – all are very poor and always in desperate need of wage employment but have got not a single day of NREGS employment in last 4 years .Babulal (389) is a poor dalit but got only 6 days of NREGS work in last 4 years .Maiyadin (75) has got 13 days of work, Antu (79) has got 39 days of work, Sugar Singh (293) has got only 10 days of work , Chandrashekhar (311) has got for 20 days, Phulchand (226) for 16 days , Karanju (367) for only 8 days , Dina Chamar (57) for 21 days and Chhanga (345) has got only 8 days of NREGS work in last 4 years .

Jhansi District

39. Kumhariya is a very poor and backward village of Bundelkhand . Located in Taharouli Khas GP of Gursarayan block , Jhansi district , this village has about 500 households . The NREGS

has miserably failed to provide wage employment in this village. Most households in the village have either got no wage employment or got it only for a few days .

Ghanshyam (202) is a very poor dalit of Kumhariya village . However , he has got only 30 days of work in 08 and no work at all during 2009 . Ghanshyam has now migrated to Delhi in search of wage employment .Ramlal (112), Dhanni (139),Siya (199), Jagan (207), Kamlesh (261), Jagatram (262), Ramkumar(267), Brijlal (203), Prem Kumar (196),Narayan Das (240), Arvind (162) and Ayodhya (117) are very poor dalits and always desperate to get wage employment, but none of them has got even a single day of NREGS employment during 2009 . Ramsaran (298),Deepchand (272), Neeraj (118), Devakinandan (108) and Nandram (110) are very poor labourers of this village but received not a single day of NREGS work during 2009 .Meharban (173) has got 14 days of work , Bhogilal (197) has got 6 days of work, Indrajit(165) has got 12 days of work and Sundar (109) has got only 8 days of NREGS work during 2009 .

Deepchand (272) had got 24 days of NREGS work in June 2008 but received only Rs 100 as wage for this work . He did not get any NREGS work in 09 and now he works as a rickshaw puller in Faridabad . Nandram (110) had actually got only 22 days of work in 2008 but his job card has fake job entry for 123 days . Therefore , it is apparent that executing officials have pocketed wage amount of about Rs 10,000/ in the name of Nandram . Many poor workers of this village are now working as rickshaw pullers in Faridabad and other towns .

40. Taharoulikhas is a very poor village located in Taharoulikhas GP of Gursarayan block , Jhansi disatric . Of 300 total households in the village , 150 are dalits. The state of the NREGS in this village of Bundelkhand is very disappointing . We found massive corruption and serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this poor village .

The job card of Kunwarlal (63) has 95 days of job entry for 2008 but actually this poor dalit had got only 35 days of work during that period . Therefore , 60 days of job entry is fake and wage amount of about Rs. 6000/ has apparently been siphoned off . Kunwarlal got only 4 days of work in 2009 .Santosh Kumar (194) is a very poor dalit but got only 14 days of NREGS work in last 4years .Moreover, he did not get any wage for that work .Devendra (102) has got only 12 days of NREGS work in last 4 years but his job card shows fake job entry for 74 days during 2008 .Jagadish (72) has got 50 days of work in last 4 years and Naresh (419) has got no NREGS work at all .Kamalesh (68) has actually got only 20 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 83 days during 2008 .Ghanshyam (120) has got only 50 days of

work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 97 days during 08.Kallu (152) has actually got only 4 days of work in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry for 24 days .

Pannalal(415), Haricharan (373) and Sitaram (205) are very poor dalits of this village but they received no NREGS employment in last 3 years .Lakshman, Ratiram and Lakhan Lal are extremely poor dalits but they have not got even job cards . Vinod (19) has actually got only 22 days of work in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry for 100 days during 2008.Jagatraj (53) has actually got only 16 days of work in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry for 101 days .Gokul (129) has got only 22 days of work in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry for 33 days .Moreover , he got only Rs 400 as wage . Kailash (214) has got only 14 days of NREGS work in last 3 years and he did not get any wage even for that work . Santram (286) has got only 12 days of job in 3 years . Sanjay Kumar (245) and Kriparam (221) are very poor dalits but each has got only 7 days of wage employment since the launch of NREGS . Sundarlal (21) had done 44 days of NREGS work in August 2008 but did not get any wage for that work .

41. Taijagir is a very poor village located in Silouri GP of Gursarayan. Of 200 total households in the village , about 70 are dalits . The NREGS has failed to provide wage employment in this village. More than 70 labourers of this village have migrated to towns in search of wage employment . We found massive corruption and serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this poor village .

Rattibhan (99), Hariniwas (165), Nandlal (110), Mohan ,Jagadish Prasad Ahirwar and Hallu are very poor dalits of Taijagir but have got no NREGS employment since its launch . Ramlal (256), Prakash (job card with secretary) ,Dheeraj and Prakash (158) are poor labourers but did not get even a single day of NREGS job in last 4 years . Ramesh (98), Bhogilal (166), Ram Prasad (152), Kamal Pal (223),Hardas (156), Kamlesh (107), Santosh (104), Ratiram (149) and Lad Kunwar (226) did not get even a single day of NREGS work in 2009 . The job card of Keshaw Das is in the possession of Panchayat Secretary for 6 months and since the launch of the NREGS he has got only 16 days of job .

The job card of Pramod Kumar is in the possession of Panchayat Secretary for 6 months and since the launch of the NREGS he has got only 10 days of job .The job card of Daya Ram is in the possession of Panchayat Secretary for 6 months and since the launch of the NREGS he has got only 6 days of job .The job card of Chhotelal is in the possession of Panchayat Secretary for 6 months and since the launch of the NREGS he has got only 5 days of work .

Jamana Prasad (228) is a poor dalit but he has got only 7 days of employment under the NREGS in last 4 years .Rattibhan (99) has got only 22 days of work , Heeralal (137) has got only 4 days of work , Ramesh has got only 5 days of work , Rattiram (149) has got only 14 days of work , Jitendra (207) has got only 21 days of work and Matadin (209) has got only 14 days of NREGS work in last 4 years .

.42. Gadhikar is a deprived village located in Gursarayan block of Jhansi district .Of 300 total households in the village , 100 are dalits . The state of the NREGS in this village of Bundelkhand was very disappointing . We found massive corruption and serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this poor village .

Dhanprasad (170) is a very poor dalit of Gadhikar but he did not get even a single day of NREGS employment in last 4 years despite demanding it several times . Pramod (76), Shivdayal (192),Ramsevak (42) and Ashok Kumar (197) are very poor dalits and always look out for wage employment for survival but none of them has got even a single day of NREGS work in last 4 years .Madanmohan (97) is a poor dalit and he got only 17 days of NREGS job in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry of 63 days during 2008 . Rampyari (80) did not get any work in 2009 . Nawalkishor (171) has actually got only 13 days of NREGS work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry of 50 days . Ramswarup (117) has actually got only 35 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 124 days . In other words , wage amount of over Rs 8000/ has been siphoned off in this case . Ramlal (65) has got only 20 days of work in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry for 98 days . Chatur (93) is still waiting for 50-60 days of wage for the work done 2 years ago .

Nripat Kumar (164) is a poor dalit and his job card has job entry of 42 days during 08 but actually he has got only 4 days of job in last 4 years .Rakesh Kumar (63) has actually got only 30 days of work in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry for 61 days .Narendra Kumar (193) has got only 14 days of work in last 3 years .Chhotelal (22) has got only 36 days of work in last 3 years but his job card has fake job entry for 84 days . Sitaram (146) has got only 12 days of work , Balaram (156) has got only 42 days of work and Malati (137) has got only 10 days of work in last 3 years .Shivraj (31) is a very poor dalit but did not get any work during 2009 .

43. Ghuraiya is a very backward village of Bundelkhand . Located in Ghuraiya GP of Gursarayan block, this village has 700 households in total . Dalits constitute about half population of this village . The NREGS has miserably failed to provide wage employment in this

village. We surveyed 50 dalit households of the village and found that most households in the village have either got no wage employment or got it only for a few days . We found massive corruption and serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this poor village .

Haridas (92), Chaturbhuj (111), Deepu (177),Mohan (281),Komal (91),Jagdish (68), Bhagawati (278), Rakesh (178),Parwati (227), Amar Singh (338), Ramnath (175 and ,Manake (105)- all are very poor labourers but none of them has got even a single day of NREGS employment in last 4 years . Jaipal (200) has got only 7 days of work ,Parmole (183) too has got only 7 days of work , Ramprasad (173) has got only 4 days of work , Chhandi (100) and Murat (215) each has got only 3 days of work , and Ramsumarani (108) has got only 7 days of NREGS work since its launch 4 years ago . Nalaram (67) has got only 10 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 29 days .Bahadur (189) has actually got only 17 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 104 days. In other words , executing officials have pocketed wage amount of over Rs 8000/ in the name of this poor dalit . Sheetal Prasad (186) has actually got only 10 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 50 days .

Puran (185) has got only 20 days of job in 4 years but his job card has 44 days of fake job entry . Ramswarup (287) has actually got only 22 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 63 days . Tiju(181) has actually got only 20 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 55 days .Balkishan (263) has got only 10 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 68 days .Dhansole (99) has got only 10 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 37 days .Preetpal (104) has actually got only 15 days of work in 4 years but his job card has 67 days of fake job entry .Phul Singh (103) has not received any work under the NREGS in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 43 days .

Munnilal (292) has actually got only 10 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 102 days . In other words , executing officials have eaten up more than Rs. 8000/ of NREGS fund in this case .Lalaram (285) has actually got only 30 days of job in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 133 days .It is apparent that over Rs 9000/ of the NREGS fund has been siphoned off in this case . Ranmat (109) has got 40 days of job in 4 years but his job card has 85 days of fake job entry . Lalaram (67) has actually got only 10 days of work in 4 years but his job card has 34 days of fake job entry . Rampal (275) has actually got only 10 days of job but his job card has fake entry for 54 days .

Sonu (112) has actually got only 8 days of NREGS employment in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 33 days .Harcharan (64) has actually got only 10 days of NREGS employment

in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 35 days . Ramprasad (81) has actually got only 10 days of NREGS employment in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 32 days . Omprakash (193) has actually got only 20 days of NREGS employment in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 79 days . In this case , more than Rs 5000/ of NREGS fund has apparently been siphoned off . Sewaram(265) has actually got only 3 days of NREGS employment in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 21 days .

Uttam (209) has actually got only 3 days of NREGS employment in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 95 days . In this case , more than Rs 8000/ of NREGS fund has apparently been siphoned off by sarkari babus .Kure (261) has actually got only 4 days of NREGS employment in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 74 days . In this case , more than Rs 6000/ of NREGS fund has apparently been siphoned off by sarkari babus .Lakhan (214) has actually got only 40 days of NREGS employment in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 127 days . In this case , more than Rs 7000/ of NREGS fund has apparently been siphoned off by executing officials . Ramcharan(113) has actually got only 20 days of NREGS employment in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 90 days . In this case , more than Rs 6000/ of NREGS fund has apparently been siphoned off by sarkari babus .

44. Raniyara is a small village located in Raniyara GP of Gursarayan block . Of 125 total households in the village , 30 are dalits . The NREGS has miserably failed to provide wage employment in this village. Most households in the village have got wage employment only for a few days . Villagers told us that most job cards of the village have been used to siphon off NREGS funds .

Chhabilal (104) is a very poor dalit of Raniyara but he has got only 7 days of wage employment in last 4 years . Ravindra Kumar (83) and Rameshwar (107) are also very poor dalits but they did not get even a single day of NREGS work during 2009 . Deshraj (137) has actually got only 20 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 131 days . It is apparent that executing officials have siphoned off about Rs .10,000 / of NREGS fund on the job card of this poor dalit . Hargovind (3) has got 42 days of work in 09 . Jairam (140) is a very poor dalit but has actually got only 5 days of work in 4 years . However , his job card has fake job entry for 42 days .

Hariram (33) is a poor dalit of Raniyara but he has actually got only 10 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years . However , his job card has fake job entry for 108 days . It is apparent that executing officials have siphoned off about Rs .9,000 / of NREGS fund on the

job card of this poor dalit . Harikishun (129) has actually got only 18 days of job in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 33 days . Moreover, he got only Rs 1100/ as wage for that work . Ramsahay (92) has actually got only 19 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 42 days .Aasharam (16) has actually got 80 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 110 days .Makundi (101) has actually got 120 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 150 days . Rajesh (2) and Mahipat (109) did not get even a single day of work in 2009 . Govinddas (93) has never ever got any wage employment under the NREGS .

Lalitpur District

45. Ekouna is an extremely backward and poor village of Lalitpur district . Located in Ekouna GP of Madawara block , this village has 500 households in total . There are about 40 households of dalits and 5 households of adivasis in this village . The NREGS has miserably failed to provide wage employment in this village. . We found massive corruption and serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this poor village .

We surveyed 30 dalit households of this village and found that most households in the village have either got no wage employment or got it only for a few days . Of 30 surveyed households , 20 households have not received even a single day of NREGS employment in last 4 years . The remaining have got very few days of work .

Mukesh (303), Ramphal (310),Sheetal (311), Chhakki (284), Manua (309), Bablu (306), Shyamala (305), Kailash (307), Ramdas (302), Durjua (24),Roopnarayan (304), Chhutti(292),Nanda(490), Mukesh (303), Nathua (298), Lakhan (299), Raju(300), Kapura (42), Khushilal (295), Kishana (301) and Tulasi – all are very poor dalits of Ekouna but have got no NREGS employment since its launch in 2006. Gariba (22) has got only 8 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years . Mathua (288) has got only 2 days of work and Kamal (285) has actually got only 7 days of work in last 4 years . However , the job card of Kamal has fake job entry for 66 days . Munna (287) has got 47 days of work and Kalua (315) has got 30 days of work in last 4 years . Kalla (286) has actually got only 7 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 47 days . Nallu (293) and Puran (291) are very poor dalits but each has got only 1 day of NREGS employment in last 4 years .

46. Chheetarapur is another village of Ekouna Gram Panchayat in Lalitpur district where the NREGS has miserably failed to provide wage employment to poor workers . We found massive corruption and serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this poor village . We surveyed 27 households of this village and found that most households in the village have either got no wage employment or got it only for a few days .

Pyarelal (380) , Subedar (400) and Damaru (318) are very poor dalits of Chheetarapur but have not received even a single day of NREGS work in last 4 years . Ramdin (27) and Asharam (13) are very poor labourers but have got no NREGS work in last 4 years . Moreover , the job card of Aasharam has fake job entry for 21 days . Ashok Kumar (48) and Mahendra Kumar (37) have never ever got any NREGS employment . Phulchand (40) too has got no NREGS work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 47 days .

Nanhebandhu (29) has actually got no NREGS job in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 110 days . It is apparent that executing officials have siphoned off over Rs 10,000/ in the name of this poor villager . Bhagouna (32) has actually got only 15 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 83 days . More than Rs 6000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off in the name of this poor dalit . Kashiram (395) has got only 10 days of work in last 4 years and Uderata (6) has got 80 days of work in 4 years . However, the job card of Uderata has fake job entry for 119 days .Kailash (36) has actually got only 7 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 49 days .

Hargibind (396) has got only 12 days of job in 4 years . Puran (14) has actually got only 11 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 111 days . It is apparent that over Rs. 9000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off in the name of this poor dalit . Pancha (392) has got only 2 days of work in 4 years but his job card has entry for 7 days .Jodhan (5) has actually got only 14 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 98 days . In the name of this poor dalit about Rs .7000/ of NREGS fund has been eaten up by executing officials .Sukhalal (16) has actually got only 30 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 150 days . It is clear that executing officials have pocketed about Rs 10,000/ of NREGS fund in the name of this poor dalit .

Halku (30) has actually got only 60 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 160 days . Apparently , the executing officials have siphoned off about Rs .9000/ of NREGS fund in the name of this dalit worker . Khilan (320) has actually got only 20 days of job in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 73 days .Over Rs 4000/ of NREGS fund has been

siphoned off in this case .Dharamua (323) has actually got only 7 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 38 days . Kapura (325) has got only 10 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 26 days . Ummeda (324) has actually got only 10 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 61 days .

47. Begai is an extremely deprived village of Ekouna Gram Panchayat of Lalitpur district. We surveyed 23 households in the village , most of them very poor Sahariya adivasis . Most of these Sahariya households are living in acute hunger and semi-starvation condition . Most of their children are suffering from acute malnutrition and severe undernutrition. The distended bellies and sunken eyes of Sahariya children are frightening .Most of them do not go to school.The living condition of Sahariya adivasis of Lalitpur district is far worse than that of Sub-Sahara African poor . Are they too citizens of a rising India with increasing number of dollar billionaires ? Where are the trickle down effects of the 9 percent of GDP Growth ?

The NREGS has miserably failed to provide wage employment to poor workers . We found massive corruption and serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this poor village . We found that most households in the village have actually got wage employment only for a few days but there were massive fake job entries in most job cards .

Bablu (56) is a very poor Sahariya adivasi (schedule tribe-ST) of Begai . This extremely poor adivasi household has actually got only 20 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 120 days . It is apparent that a lot of NREGS fund has been siphoned off in the name of this poor Sahariya adivasi . Bublun received his job card only one year ago whereas the job card was actually made on 28 March 2006 . The job card was in the possession of executing officials and was used by them to siphon NREGS fund . Mathara (44) is a very poor Sahariya adivasi but he got only 30 days of NREGS work in last 4 years . However , his job card has fake job entry for 150 days . It is apparent that executing officials have pocketed about Rs .10,000/ of NREGS fund using job card of this poor Sahariya adivasi.

Khilan (57) is a very poor Sahariya adivasi and has actually got only 20 days of NREGS work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 90 days . It is apparent that over Rs 5000/ of NREGS fund has been eaten up by executing officials using the job card of this poor Sahariya adivasi .Similarly , Sohan (45) has actually got only 20 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 67 days . Ramdas (43) has actually got only 60 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 123 days . Mithan (468) has actually got 50 days of work but his job card has fake job entry for 126 days . Pappu (46) has actually got only 20 days of

work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 80 days . Anantram (51) has actually got only 50 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 150 days . Apparently, about Rs 8000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off in the name of this poor Sahariya adivasi .Kashiram (71) has actually got only 30 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 103 days . Hardayal(467) has actually got only 40 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 150 days . Apparently, about Rs 8000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off in the name of this poor Sahariya adivasi.

Puran (60) has actually got only 60 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 200 days . Apparently, over Rs 10,000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off in the name of this poor Sahariya adivasi .Rajaram (54) has actually got only 15 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 125 days . Apparently, about Rs 9000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off in the name of this poor Sahariya adivasi .Punua (105) has actually got only 15 days of NREGS work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 130 days . Apparently, about Rs 9000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off using the job card of this poor dalit .Adhu (69) has actually got only 18 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 132 days . Apparently, about Rs 9000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off using the job card of this poor dalit .Ashok Rani (62) has actually got only 50 days of work in last 4 years but her job card has fake job entry for 85 days . Pyarelal (106) has actually got only 40 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 120 days . Apparently, about Rs 6000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off using the job card of this poor dalit .

Sukkad(469) has actually got only 50 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 200 days . Apparently, about Rs 11,000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off in the name of this poor Sahariya adivasi .Kashiram(470) has actually got only 15 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 100 days . Apparently, about Rs 6,000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off in the name of this poor Sahariya adivasi .Gokal(49) has actually got no NREGS employment in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 75 days . Apparently, the entire wage of 75 days has been eaten up by executing officials . Sitaram(474) has actually got only 45 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 80 days . Mulayam(55) has actually got only 40 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 120 days . Apparently, about Rs 6,000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off in the name of this poor Sahariya adivasi .

48. Pisanari is a deprived village of Siron Gram Panchayat . Located in Madawara block of Lalitpur district , this village has 500 households in total . Of these about 60 belong to Sahariya adivasi .The NREGS has miserably failed to provide wage employment to poor workers of this village, especially adivasis . We found massive corruption and serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this poor village . We found that most households in the village have actually got wage employment only for a few days but there were massive fake job entries in most job cards . We surveyed 25 households , most of them Sahariya adivasi .

Gonebai (39) is a very poor Sahariya adivasi of Pisanari but she has actually got only 6 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years . However , her job card has fake job entry for 105 days . It is apparent that about Rs. 9000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off in this case . Balu(232) has actually got only 80 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 166 days .

Kishora Bhure(103) has actually got only 30 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 110 days . It is apparent that about Rs. 7000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off in this case .Komabai(121) has got only 7 days of work in 4 years but she did not get wage for even that work . She went to the worksite many a time asking for job but was chased away .

Mulala (125) has actually got only 26 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 82 days . Gokal (109) has actually got only 36 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 65 days . Guddi(135) has actually got only 8 days of work in last 4 years but her job card has fake job entry for 35 days . Badi Bahu(29) has actually got only 7 days of work in last 4 years but her job card has fake job entry for 102 days . It is apparent that over Rs. 7000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off in the name of this poor Sahariya adivasis. Halki(32) has actually got only 10 days of work in last 4 years but her job card has fake job entry for 34 days .Shyamlal(123) has actually got only 40 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 130 days .

Raorani(35) has actually got only 20 days of work in last 4 years but her job card has fake job entry for 182 days . It is apparent that over Rs. 13,000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off on this job card alone .Sarju(116) has actually got only 30 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 90 days .Kundan(256) has actually got only 25 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 70 days .Gendharani(9) has actually got only 5 days of work in last 4 years but her job card has fake job entry for 41 days .Jabara(259)

has actually got only 4 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 200 days . Apparently , over Rs. 15,000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off on this job card alone .Ganesh(117) is handicapped and actually got no work but his job card has fake job entry for 42 days .

Halle(261) is a very poor Sahariya adivasi and has actually got only 50 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 300 days . Apparently , executing officials have eaten up over Rs. 20,000/ of NREGS fund on this job card alone .Suraj(4) has actually got only 45 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 145 days . Apparently , over Rs. 8,000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off on the job card of this poor Sahariya adivasi.

Rajua(280) has actually got only 50 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 250 days . Apparently , over Rs. 15,000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off on the job card of this poor Sahariya adivasi . Suraj(4) has actually got only 45 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 145 days . Apparently , over Rs. 9,000/ of NREGS fund has been siphoned off on this job card alone .Manohar(11) has actually got only 8 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 50 days . Gayadin(253) has actually got only 6 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 71 days .Harju(107) has actually got only 20 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 40 days . Hukamrani(139) has actually got no work under NREGS in last 4 years but her job card has fake job entry for 90 days . Apparently , the entire wage of 90 days has been siphoned off in the name of this poor Sahariya adivasi .

49 . Sakara is a poor village located in Dhouri Sagar GP of Madawara block. We found massive corruption and serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this poor village . We found that most households in the village have actually got wage employment only for a few days but there were massive fake job entries in most job cards . 25 Sahariya adivasis had worked under the NREGS in Guava plantation for one month during August 2009 but the wage was not paid till the time of survey in December 2009 .

Santosh (213) is a poor Sahariya adivasi and he has got only 50 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 278 days . It is apparent that executing officials have stolen over Rs 16,000/ of NREGS fund in the name of this poor Sahariya adivasi alone.Dharamu (58) too is a poor Sahariya adivasi and has got only 14 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 120 days . It is apparent that

executing officials have stolen over Rs 8,000/ of NREGS fund in the name of this poor Sahariya adivasi alone. Similarly , Haraya (321) is a poor Sahariya adivasi and he has got only 100 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 425 days . **It is apparent that executing officials have stolen over Rs 25,000/ of NREGS fund in the name of this poor Sahariya adivasi alone.**

Jeewan (477) has got only 60 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 120 days . Sundar (517) has got only 50 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 130 days . Janaki(329) has got only 70 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years but her job card has fake job entry for 240 days . It is apparent that executing officials have stolen over Rs 13,000/ of NREGS fund in this case. Gyasi (276) has got only 110 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 220 days . Lallu (447) has got only 150 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 205 days . Jagadev (503) has got only 50 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 150 day .

Chandu(643) has got only 50 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 84 days . Chintaman has got only 85 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 200 days . Himmat (331) has got only 60 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 160 days . Lakhan has got only 30 days of NREGS employment in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 140 days .

50. Gaharoulimaf is a deprived village located in Bamhaurikhurd GP of Madawara block, Lalitpur district . Of 250 households in total , 80 belong to dalits .We surveyed 27 households , all of them dalits . We found very disappointing state of the NREGS in this poor village of Bundelkhand . We found massive corruption and serious irregularities in the implementation of the NREGS in this poor village . We found that most households in the village have actually got wage employment only for a few days but there were massive fake job entries in most job cards .

Harabubai(160) is a very poor dalit of Gaharoulimaf but she did not get even a single day of NREGS employment in last 4 years . However , her job card has fake job entry for 99 days . In other words , though this poor dalit did not get even a single rupee of benefit from the NREGS since its launch , corrupt executing officials were able to pocket about Rs 8000/ of NREGS fund through fake job entries on the job card of this deprived dalit . Haribai(355) too is a very poor

dalit of Gaharoulimaf and she actually got only 70 days of NREGS work in last 4 years . However , her job card has fake job entry for 239 days . In other words , corrupt executing officials have pocketed about Rs 13,000/ of NREGS fund through fake job entries on the job card of this deprived dalit . Lalluram(180) has actually got only 65 days of NREGS work in last 4 years . However , his job card has fake job entry for 165 days . In other words , corrupt executing officials have pocketed about Rs 8,000/ of NREGS fund through fake job entries on the job card of this poor dalit .

Barelal (571) has actually got only 31 days of NREGS work in last 4 years . However , his job card has fake job entry for 183 days . In other words , corrupt executing officials have pocketed about Rs 12,000/ of NREGS fund through fake job entries on this job card alone . Alama (199) has actually got only 14 days of NREGS work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 80 days . In other words , corrupt executing officials have pocketed about Rs 5000/ of NREGS fund through fake job entries on the job card of this deprived dalit . Sukhdin (524) has actually got only 30 days of NREGS work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 60 days . Makhanbai (522) has actually got only 70 days of NREGS work in last 4 years but her job card has fake job entry for 120 days . Gusai (455) has actually got only 30 days of NREGS work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 95 days .

Kariya (360) has got only 17 days of NREGS work in last 4 years , Moreover , 4 days of wage was still pending . Tedha (288) has actually got only 60 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 130 days .Moreover , 20 days of wages were pending for over 2 years . Baira (117) has got only 40 days of NREGS work in 4 years . Ghasita (457) has actually got only 34 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 68 days . Kunua (299) has got only 14 days of NREGS work in last 4 years . Chouda (362) has got only 7 days of NREGS work in last 4 years . Singardulaiya(594) has got only 25 days of NREGS work in last 4 years and 10 days of wages are still pending .Durjana (280) has got only 8 days of NREGS work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 45 days .Bhura(361) has actually got only 60 days of work in 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 160 days . In other words , corrupt executing officials have pocketed about Rs 7000/ of NREGS fund through fake job entries on the job card of this deprived dalit . Bandhan (453) has got only 42 days of work in 4 years .

Mujauwa(353) has actually got only 35 days of work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 79 days . Moreover , 22 days of wages are still pending . Harprasad (487) has actually

got only 27 days of NREGS work in last 4 years but his job card has fake job entry for 47 days .
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"There should be some real development at the ground level," the Bench said while highlighting the purpose of MGNREGA for the success of which the CJI has taken keen interest in the last couple of years.

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The Bench said the advocate can formulate further suggestions and state governments can respond to them within four weeks so that some order can be passed.

The apex court was told that while some states in the North-Eastern region and Andhra Pradesh have done a good job for implementation of the rural employment scheme, others are far behind.

Pointing out that most of the states have failed to put in place the details as to conduct of social auditing, Mishra suggested all relevant documents, including that of funds allocated and the complete files of works undertaken, be placed at the Gram Panchayat office for its inspection.

The advocate also suggested the entire proceedings of the Social Audit Forum/public hearing be videographed to ensure integrity and credibility of the process.

"The provision of unemployment allowance is part and parcel of the MGNREGA but most of the state governments are denying it on one or the other pretext," he said adding there was inordinate delay in the payment of wages and due compensation is not being paid.

The PIL filed in 2007 alleged the project, which was implemented in September 2005 with a view to providing 100 days of guaranteed employment to at least one member of each rural household, suffers from large scale corruption and mismanagement.

The NGO contended that various organisations, including CEFS, conducted a field study on the working of the Employment Guarantee Act which reveals that the scheme under the Act is not working as it has been marred by corruption due to non-transparency of the implementation of the scheme and entry of private contractors who are banned under the Act.

The NGO had earlier submitted District Collector/District Magistrate should be made responsible for effective implementation of the project. The study shows "most of the funds allocated for the implementation of the Act and schemes thereunder do not reach the intended recipients and are instead siphoned off by corrupt officials and contractors denying lakhs of poor people their fundamental right to livelihood."

The scheme which was started as National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) in 2005 was later named Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in October 2009 by the Prime Minister.



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The Daily Pioneer , 8 April , 2010

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The Asian Age , 8 Apr 10

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