

15 Recommendations

1. State Government should initiate measures to ensure adequate participation of villagers and wage-seekers in Gram Sabha meetings for planning of MGNREGA works, so that the 'bottom-up' approach to planning is effectively implemented.
2. Processes for adjustment of advances need to be streamlined and strengthened.
3. All MIS data being transferred, including data being transmitted on an ongoing basis for the monthly round of social audit, must be supported by control totals, which are formally verified/signed off by the IT services provider. These control totals must also be fully reconciled with the web reports for the concerned period and unit of coverage (State/district/mandal). Where there are discrepancies, the logic behind the web queries needs to be verified and corrected appropriately.
4. Large households (typically 10 or more members) need to be segregated urgently into nuclear families. Audit notes that State Government has, in January 2012, issued a circular for 'removal' of job cards with more than 10 household members; implementation of this circular needs to be reviewed.
5. State Government may also consider capturing photographs of households as part of the MIS.
6. Potential for irregularities in overlapping MR entries (same worker noted against different works for overlapping Muster Roll periods) is high. State Government may consider ensuring that at least 50 *per cent* of the MR entries subject to check verification cover such areas of instances of overlapping MR entries for both EGS works and convergence/DCC works, where the potential for irregularity is high. Also, works involving only one worker of 10 or less persondays of work should be specifically included in the sample for MR check verification.
7. Cases of overlapping Muster Roll entries where the total number of days worked is more than the physical days available need to be investigated, and strict action taken against the concerned officials.
8. Cases of very low daily wages (₹20 or less) pointed out in the audit analysis should be investigated and necessary corrective action taken.
9. Priority should be accorded for completion of in-progress/incomplete works (rather than taking up new works), so as to ensure creation of durable assets.

10. For all programmes implemented through Line Departments/agencies (i.e., other than GPs/PRI), the norms under MGNREGA should be enforced strictly viz., wage-material component of 60:40, and non-use of machinery and contractors. Further, transparent procurement procedures (in compliance with GFRs or equivalent) should be ensured.
11. Third party quality control teams should be constituted for inspection of works executed by Line Departments also for effective, consistent and independent quality control.



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