

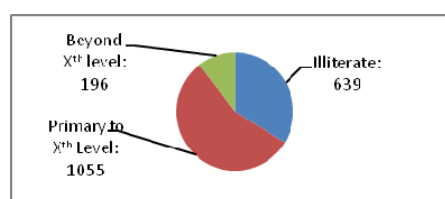
Chapter-13 Impact of MGNREGS on beneficiaries

Altogether 1890 beneficiaries (1362 Male & 528 Female) under 96 GPs/VDCs/VCDCs of 25 Blocks from 10 test checked districts were interviewed/surveyed during the Performance Audit on “MGNREGS” to ascertain the status of the beneficiaries, their awareness about MGNREGS and the impact of MGNREGS that had in their lives. The sample surveyed included 218 SC, 453 ST and 382 OBC category beneficiaries.

13.1 Status of the beneficiaries

- Age of beneficiaries surveyed ranged between 18 and 79 years.
- Annual income of the beneficiaries ranged between ₹1,900 and ₹1,92,000.

Educational Qualification		
Illiterate	Lower Primary to Class-X	Beyond X th Standard
639	1,055	196

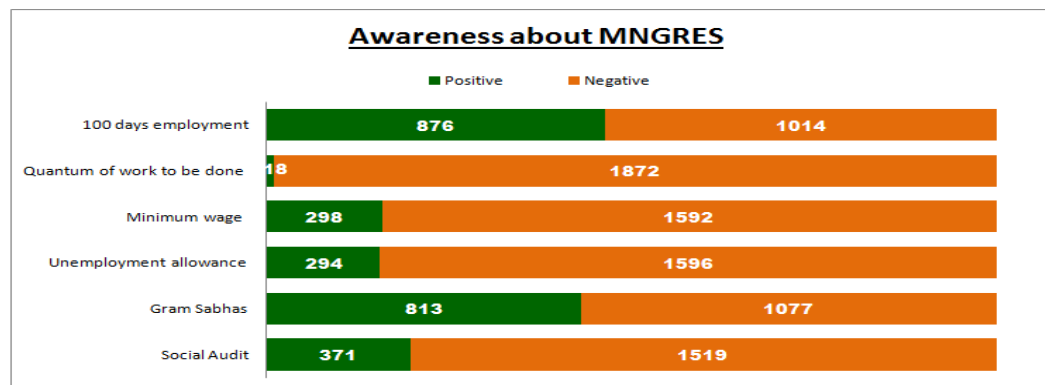


13.2 Awareness level

It was noticed that 46 per cent of the surveyed beneficiaries *i.e.*, 876 out of 1,890 were aware of their entitlement to 100 days employment in a year. However, there remained a large section of the beneficiaries who were not aware of the various provisions of the Act. Some of them are brought out below.

Details regarding awareness of surveyed beneficiaries about MGNREGS

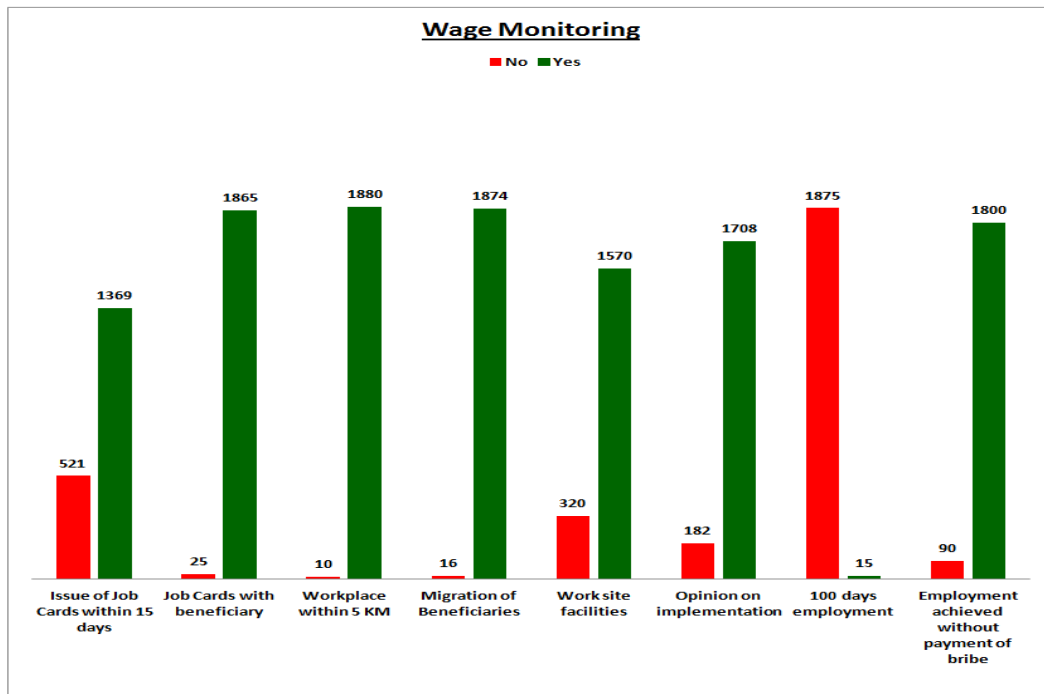
Information	Positive	Negative	Awareness (in %)
100 days employment	876	1,014	46
Quantum of work to be done	18	1,872	1
Minimum Wage	298	1,592	16
Un-employment Allowance	294	1,596	16
Gram Sabhas	813	1,077	43
Social Audit	371	1,519	20



13.3 Wage monitoring

The survey revealed many positive trends regarding wage monitoring with a large percentage of the beneficiaries covered during the survey reporting favorably regarding timeliness in the issue of Job Cards (72 per cent), location of work place within 5 km (99 per cent), positive opinion regarding implementation of MGNREGS (90 per cent) etc. However, shortfalls and inadequacies were also revealed in some areas from the responses of the beneficiaries as below:

- 521 beneficiaries got Job Cards with delay of 16-1,065 days
- 25 beneficiaries could not show their Job Cards
- 10 beneficiaries had to go beyond 5 Km for work
- 16 beneficiaries migrated for lack of work and higher wages
- 320 beneficiaries stated facilities at work sites not provided
- 182 beneficiaries opined the scheme not being properly implemented
- 1,875 beneficiaries did not receive 100 days employment
- 90 beneficiaries paid ₹500 in advance for getting the work.

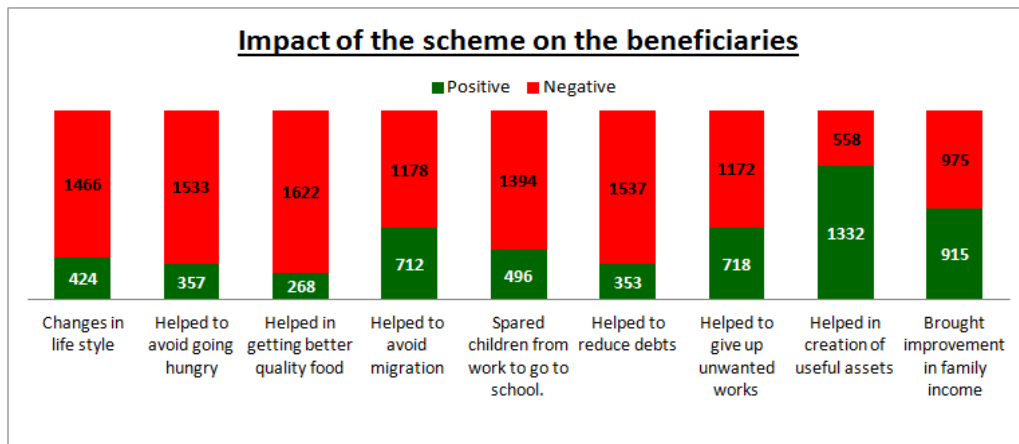


13.4 Impact

Though 1,332 (70 per cent) beneficiaries stated that MGNREGS has helped in creation of useful assets in the village, but the scheme had limited impact on the beneficiaries surveyed. Some of these are brought out below:

Details of impact on surveyed beneficiaries of MGNREGS

Information	Positive	Negative	Positive impact (in %)
Changes in life style	424	1,466	22
Helped to avoid going hungry	357	1,533	19
Helped in getting better quality food	268	1,622	14
Helped to avoid migration	712	1,178	38
Spared children from work to go to school	496	1,394	26
Helped to reduce debts	353	1,537	19
Helped to give up unwanted works	718	1,172	38
Helped in creation of useful assets	1,332	558	70
Brought improvement in family income	915	975	48



Thus, the survey revealed that the intended benefits to the rural poor and creation of durable assets aimed at under the scheme were not fully achieved in respect of the beneficiaries who were covered during the survey.

Recommendation

The State Government needs to take up steps to organise more awareness programmes to educate the beneficiaries about MGNREGS, timely issue of Job Cards, provide work site facilities as per the provision of the scheme to uplift the condition of the rural poor beneficiaries.