

## Press Release

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### Registrations Increased, Employment Dropped: Only 20 Lakh out of 73 Lakh Households Worked under MGNREGA

LibTech India's latest data-driven assessment of MGNREGA implementation in Jharkhand for FY 2024–25 reveals a concerning trend: while the number of households registering for the program has increased, the provision of work has declined. The report compares Jharkhand's performance with data from the previous year and situates the findings by looking at national-level statistics. The analysis is based on official government data as of 8th May 2025.

#### Key Findings from the Report:

##### Increase in MGNREGA Registrations, Drop in Employment:

Despite the **5.2% increase in household registration**, a **7.4% and 9.7% drop** has been recorded in household worked and workers employed, respectively, in FY 2024-25, when compared to FY 2023-24.

➤ *Nationally*, the number of households that worked declined by 3.5%, meaning Jharkhand has performed worse in household participation.

##### Persondays Generated Saw a Bigger Fall in Jharkhand:

Persondays generated **dropped by 8%** in Jharkhand despite an increase in registrations, a worrying trend as it surpassed the 6.9% decline in national persondays generated. This indicates that registrations are not translating into employment.

##### Drop in Full-Year Employment, but Outpaces National Trend:

Households completing 100 days of work **declined by 18%** in Jharkhand, compared to just 9.3% at the national level.

➤ Approximately 82 thousand households in Jharkhand completed 100 days of work, down from 1 lakh in 2023-24.

##### District-Level Disparities Across Jharkhand:

**20 out of 24 districts** saw a decline in persondays generated.

➤ **Sahebganj, Jamatar, Ramgarh and Lohardaga** experienced significant declines of 27%, 22.9%, 18.6%, and 18.5% respectively.

➤ **Garhwa** district saw a rise of 2.7%.

➤ The 4 most tribal populated districts, **Khunti, Simdega, Gumla, and West Singhbhum** have seen a negative trend; the total persondays in these districts declined by 8.8%, 11.6%, 10.7%, and 5.8% respectively.



## **Fluctuating Employment throughout FY 2024-25**

The FY started with a positive trend, with **6.2% more persondays generated in April 2024** from April 2023. Following this, there was a sharp decline between May and September, The reason for the decline could be **heavy and timely rainfall during the monsoon season**. But it showed strong recovery from October to January in 2024-25.



## **Wage Realisation Worsens Despite Notified Wage Hike:**

Jharkhand workers faced a **10% shortfall** between notified and received wages—a continuing trend from 10.6% previous year. In 2024–25, the notified wage was ₹272, but workers received an average wage of only ₹245.

➤ Despite the increase in notified wages, unskilled wage expenditure declined by Rs 95.2 crore in FY 2024-25 when compared to FY 2023-24.



## **About the Report:**

This tracker is part of LibTech India's ongoing effort to monitor and analyse the delivery of MGNREGA in Jharkhand and other states. The goal is to inform citizens, policymakers, and the media with accessible and rigorous data insights.



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