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### **Loss of Work, Income & Worker Base : MGNREGA in Telangana - FY 2025-26**

LibTech India's latest MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) Tracker for Telangana reveals a systemic contraction in employment generation during FY 2025-26 in comparison with 2024-25. The report is significant when viewed in the context of VB-GRAM G (Viksit Bharat—Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)) framework that seeks to repeal MGNREGA and tightened technological requirements such as NMMS, mandatory eKYC, etc that could impact the performance of MGNREGA in the state.

All comparisons in this analysis are based on year-on-year changes between FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 unless stated otherwise. Section references corresponding to the full report are provided for readers who wish to explore detailed analysis.

#### **Major Findings-Employment**

Lowest performance since FY 2020-21 in terms of generating employment in the state. This was visible through key indicators such as households worked, persondays and households completed 100 days.

- **Participation declined sharply:** A significant 17.4% and 20.3% decline in households and workers employed while households registered recorded a slight decline of 1.6%. (*Section -2.2* )

- **A dramatic 40.6% drop in employment generation:** Persondays declined from 1222.11 lakh to 726.08 lakh—which is nearly double the national drop of 20.6%.(Section - 2.3)
- **28.1% decline in Average Persondays:** A significant drop from 45.80 to 32.93 average persondays. Also the state’s average persondays is only 32.93 while the national average is 43.18, indicating a notable deviation from the national trend.(Section -2.3)
- **An Abysmal 75.3% drop in 100-days completed households:** Households completing 100 days fell from 0.93 lakhs to 0.23 lakhs, a 75.3% drop. This resulted in only 1% of households completing 100 days in FY 2025-26 as opposed to 3.5% in FY 2024-25.(Section - 2.3)

### **Major Findings-Quarter wise Analysis**

The year began with a drastic loss of persondays then continued significantly both in terms of proportion and absolute terms and then in the last three months recorded a slight improvement.

- **Significant dip of persondays across the first three quarters:** Quarter 1 saw a drastic 48.8% drop which then continued in Quarter 2 with 27.9% and Quarter 3 with 20.4% drop. However the Quarter 4 recorded a slight increase of 2.1%, it could not recover the loss occurred in the previous quarters(Section -2.4)
- **A loss of 496.03 lakh persondays:** MGNREGA’s crucial Q1 period recorded a loss of 477.26 lakh persondays while Q2 & Q3 recorded a loss of 16.61 and 5.45 lakh persondays when compared with FY 2024-25. Q4 recorded a slight gain with 3.29 lakh persondays.(Section -2.4)

### **Major Findings-District wise Analysis**

The decline of persondays was spread across all districts.

- **Decline across all districts:** Every district saw decline in persondays with 28 out of 32 districts recording a drop between 30% to 57% when compared with FY 2024-25.(Section-3)

## Major Findings–Shrinking worker base

Along with drop in household registers, deletions exceeded additions as opposed to national level trends.

- **Shrinking worker base:** Net deletion of 0.83 lakh Jobcards and 4.02 lakh workers in contrast to the national level trend where additions exceeded deletions.(Section -4 )

## Major Findings–Declined incomes

Despite a rise in average wage earned, there was a loss of significant household incomes and the total wages earned in the state due to declined employment in FY 2025–26

- **Income fell despite wage increase:** Average household income dropped from ₹9,770 in FY 2024–25 to ₹8,766 in FY 2025–26, a loss of ₹1,004, despite an increase in average wage earned per day from ₹213.32 to ₹266.19 in FY 2025–26.(Section -5.2 )
- **₹674.26 crores are at loss:** Due to drop in overall employment, total wages earned by workers dropped from ₹2607.01 crores in FY 2024–25 to ₹1932.75 crores in FY 2025–26; a loss of ₹674.26 crores.(Section -5.1)

## Major Findings–Vulnerable populations

SC & ST workers faced disproportionate loss of income in FY 2025–26.

- **38% loss to SC & ST workers in total wages earned:** SC & ST workers in the state earned only FY 2024–25 ₹1102.14 crores only when compared to ₹846.21 crores in FY 2025–26—a loss of ₹255.93 crores which is 38% out of total ₹674.26 crores.(Section -5.3 )

## LibTech India: Key Concerns

- Employment contraction is state-wide and persistent (Section -3)
- Decline is driven by both reduced work availability and worker deletions (Sections -2&4)

- Income losses are substantial despite higher wages (*Section -5*)
- Vulnerable communities bear a disproportionate burden of decline in income (*Section -5*)

### **About the Tracker**

The LibTech India MGNREGA Tracker provides evidence-based analysis of employment trends, workforce participation, and exclusion patterns. It is widely used by journalists, civil society organisations, and policymakers to understand ground realities of welfare implementation.

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