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MGNREGA – Impact and constraints in Mon district, Nagaland

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SUMMARY : The present study was conducted in Mon district of Nagaland with the objectives to assess the impact of MGNREGA programme and analyze the constraints faced by its beneficiaries. Ex –post facto research design was undertaken for the present study. Mon rural development (RD) block was selected purposively out of total six RD blocks under the present district. Six villages were purposively selected from Mon RD block. A sample size of 120 respondents was selected from the six selected villages by following random sampling procedure. Findings revealed that majority (67.5%) of the respondents belonged to the age group of 33-57 years; male population formed a larger part of the beneficiaries (66.7 %); majority (29.2%) of the respondents were middle school educated; 45 per cent of them had medium land holding size, 50 per cent of the respondents had kutcha houses, 90.8 per cent of them had medium level of annual income (Rs. 30,958.3) and majority (95 %) of the respondents had annual savings less than Rs. 10,000. Impact of the programme resulted in creating physical assets in the form of village approach roads, village circular roads, agri-link roads, concrete footsteps, community wells, culvert and irrigation channels. An average of 65 mandays of employment was generated under this programme. Major problems perceived by the beneficiaries included less avenues to get adequate mandays of employment against the targeted 100 mandays and low wage rate in comparison to other similar jobs in the selected area.

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