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Is Wage Difference Under MGNREGS and Agriculture Sufficient to Explain Labour Supply Problem in Rural India- A Case Study in District Puruliya

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Abstract : The MGNREGS launched in the year 2005 with the objective of poverty alleviation and employment generation. The unique importance of the scheme lies in its provision to enhance peoples' livelihood on a sustained basis, by developing the economy and social infrastructure in rural areas. But after the initiation of the scheme over time it is found that agriculture in rural India is facing a setback due non-availability of labour force during peak season of cultivation. This paper aims to study this phenomenon on the basis of the primary data in the district of Purulia, West Bengal. The study concludes that the scheme MGNREGS is making agriculture less profitable due to shortage of labour due to wage difference in MGNREGS in comparison to agricultural works resulting agricultural fields are either remaining uncultivated or being sold out for the use of non-farm products.

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