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# MGNREGA in Telangana

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# About LibTech

We are a team of engineers, social workers and social scientists who are interested in improving public service delivery in India. We have been working as a team in Telangana & Andhra Pradesh for the last 8 years, though individually some of us have been involved for more than a decade.

## About this report

This report was prepared using the data available on public domain<sup>1</sup>. The period of study for all the analysis was from 1, April to 25, October in each year for the Employment Provided and Job Cards issued. We used the data available as on 25, October 2020 to analyse Payment Related Issues. We hope that the insights from this report will prove to be useful for members of Civil Society Groups, the Media and Concerned Citizens. We hope this will add value towards improving the implementation of MGNREGA in the state of Telangana .

## Introduction

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (2006), is a legal entitlement for every rural household in the country. Some of the key worker centric provisions are listed below:

1. **100 days of Work:** A legal provision for a hundred days work per rural household in a year.
2. **Unemployment Allowance:** If an applicant is not provided employment within fifteen days of demanding work, applicant shall be entitled to a daily unemployment allowance.
3. **Delay Compensation:** In case the payment of wages is not made within fifteen days from the date of completion of work, the worker is entitled to payment of compensation.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nrega.nic.in/> and <https://www.nrega.telangana.gov.in/>

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# Key Statistics<sup>2</sup>

## National Level Statistics

- 13.62 crores of households, i.e. 26.03 crores of registered individuals
- 8.57 crores of households, i.e. 13.19 crore workers are actively working in the programme.
- 19.53% & 15.69% of workers against active workers belong to the SC & ST communities respectively.
- Rs. 291.06 crores worth of payments are on hold as Rejected Payments and due to be paid to the workers in the country.

MGNREGA is predominantly centrally sponsored program and the central government has released Rs. 66,248.89 Cr this year as on 20, October 2020 and the state of Telangana received around 4.4% of these funds already. On an average Telangana has been receiving around 4% of the central released funds of MGNREGA for the past five years.

## Telangana State Level Statistics

- 52.3 lakhs of households i.e. 1.12 crores of registered individuals
- 2.68 lakhs of new households i.e 5.84 lakhs of individuals got registered in 2020-21.
- 16.55.% & 13.98% of workers against active workers belong to the SC & ST communities respectively.
- 58.4% of employment provided has been utilised by women workers in 2020-21.
- 5.99 crores of Rupees of worth payments are due to reach the workers and are on hold due to technical errors.

It is needless to say the importance of such a scheme/act in the time of a pandemic and the value of money this scheme puts in the hands of the rural population can not be underrated. In this bulletin we are going to explore the employment provided under MGNREGA and new families, workers registered under the scheme for the reporting period. As well as the payments that are due to reach the workers and on hold for various reasons, primarily technical in nature.

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<sup>2</sup> All data in this section has been compiled as on 23 October 2020

# Employment Provided in MGNREGA

Employment provided in TS is 12.71 crore person days in the study period of 2020-21, the highest in the last 3 years. The increment in the total employment provided in the state in this year of Pandemic is evident from the graph below.



Figure 1: Employment Provided in TS for the same period (1, Apr -20, Oct) in the last three years

In 2020-21, there is a 32.35% increase in the employment provided in the state compared to last year.

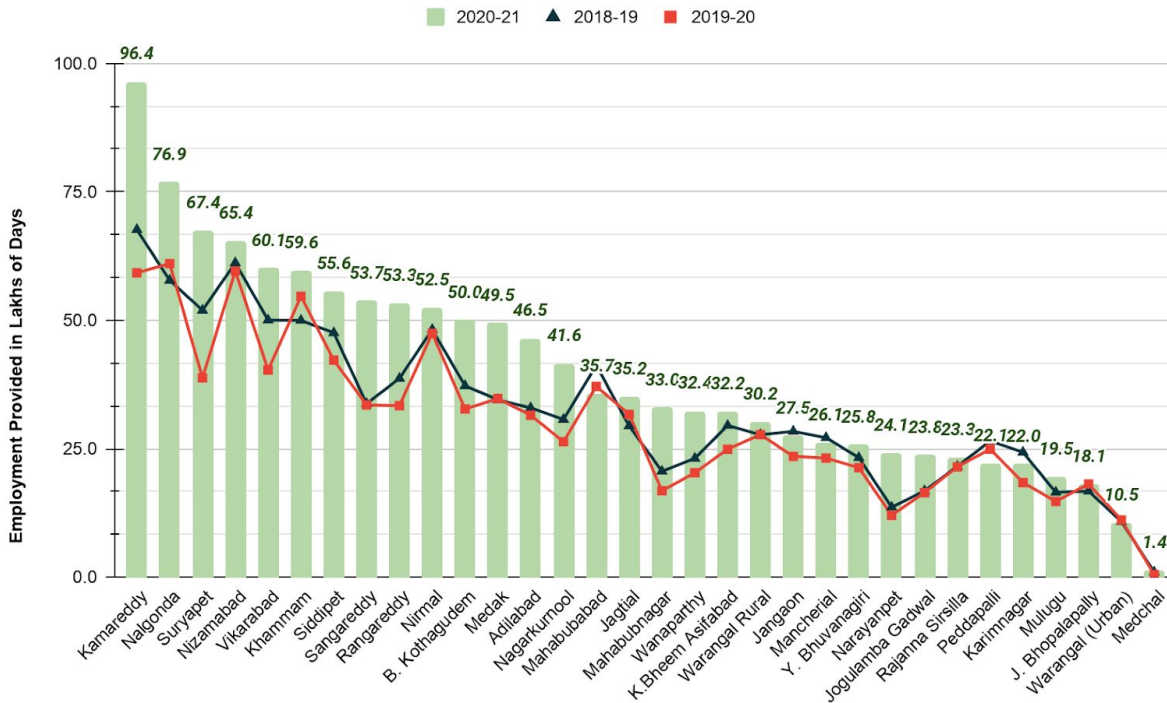


Figure 2: District wise trend in Employment Provide in the study period

28 districts provided higher employment this year compared to the last year for the same study period. Mahabubabad, Janagaon, Mancherial and Peddapalli are the only districts with lesser employment provided this year compared to last year. Kamareddy provided the highest employment, while Medchal provided the least employment among the districts this year. District wise trends in the employment provided for the last three years for the study period can be observed in Figure 2.

Along with the increase in the employment, this year more than 1.6 lakh households have finished their 100 days of work i.e. 5.3% of the households who worked. This year in the first six months only the average household employment provided has reached last year's average for the whole year, which is 43 days.

Along with an increase in employment across the state 1.6 lakh households have already finished their quota of 100 days of Employment against the 1.77 lakh that finished their quota in the whole year in FY 20. District wise trend in the Average household employment and Number of Households completed 100 days work is listed in the table 1 below.

| S No | District                 | Average No of days employment provided per Household (for the study period) |         | Total No of Households completed 100 Days of Wage Employment (for the study period) |         |
|------|--------------------------|---|---------|---|---------|
|      |                          | 2019-20   | 2020-21 | 2019-20   | 2020-21 |
| 1    | Adilabad                 | 47.19   | 50.43   | 5651  | 6223    |
| 2    | Bhadradi Kothagudem      | 43.01   | 46.71   | 5237  | 5780    |
| 3    | Jagtial                  | 46.57   | 38.81   | 7819  | 3578    |
| 4    | Jangaon                  | 43.29   | 40.35   | 4678  | 2368    |
| 5    | Jayashanker Bhopalapally | 40.95   | 32.53   | 2954  | 1214    |
| 6    | Jogulamba Gadwal         | 38.22   | 36.11   | 3285  | 2873    |
| 7    | Kamareddy                | 48.99   | 61.55   | 9279  | 22147   |
| 8    | Karimnagar               | 36.85   | 32.14   | 2914  | 1676    |
| 9    | Khammam                  | 42.11   | 37.21   | 8198  | 4659    |
| 10   | Kumram Bheem(Asifabad)   | 42.81   | 40.87   | 3690  | 3040    |
| 11   | Mahabubabad              | 40.46   | 32.21   | 5350  | 2083    |
| 12   | Mahabubnagar             | 36.97   | 44.32   | 5846  | 5117    |

|    |                     |       |       |       |      |
|----|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 13 | Mancherial          | 39.85 | 36.94 | 3649  | 2511 |
| 14 | Medak               | 47.38 | 47.58 | 7898  | 6135 |
| 15 | Medchal             | 31.84 | 29.26 | 155   | 200  |
| 16 | Mulugu              | 46.3  | 46.29 | 2541  | 2264 |
| 17 | Nagarkurnool        | 41.36 | 43.79 | 4912  | 5074 |
| 18 | Nalgonda            | 38.56 | 38.01 | 9774  | 8835 |
| 19 | Narayanpet          | 36.06 | 39.94 | 2869  | 3584 |
| 20 | Nirmal              | 52.1  | 48.47 | 8527  | 5581 |
| 21 | Nizamabad           | 47.52 | 43.52 | 9983  | 8101 |
| 22 | Peddapalli          | 42.25 | 35.43 | 4647  | 2171 |
| 23 | Rajanna Sirsilla    | 47.92 | 44.06 | 6095  | 3449 |
| 24 | Rangareddy          | 51.69 | 53.41 | 7320  | 8637 |
| 25 | Sangareddy          | 44.43 | 46.61 | 5319  | 5986 |
| 26 | Siddipet            | 50.31 | 48.4  | 11965 | 6967 |
| 27 | Suryapet            | 32.07 | 41.68 | 3508  | 6843 |
| 28 | Vikarabad           | 49.13 | 53.55 | 8055  | 7166 |
| 29 | Wanaparthy          | 42.5  | 48.91 | 4106  | 4993 |
| 30 | Warangal (Urban)    | 43.22 | 34.34 | 2451  | 1136 |
| 31 | Warangal Rural      | 41.82 | 35.33 | 5436  | 2964 |
| 32 | Yadadri Bhuvanagiri | 35.47 | 33.24 | 2923  | 2319 |

Table 4: Average Household employment and the Number of Households finished 100 days of work in the last two

## Best Performing Mandals

- 540 Mandals are participating in MGNREGA in Telangana
- 456 Mandals provided more Employment compared to last year for the same study period.

Top 10 of the highest employment provided mandals are listed in the table 2 below.

| S No | Mandals    | District  | Employment Provided in Days (2020-21) |
|------|------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 1    | Machareddy | Kamareddy | 865695                                |
| 2    | Lingampet  | Kamareddy | 706299                                |

|    |           |            |        |
|----|-----------|------------|--------|
| 3  | Gandhari  | Kamareddy  | 668994 |
| 4  | Yacharam  | Rangareddy | 615020 |
| 5  | Bichkunda | Kamareddy  | 587287 |
| 6  | Jukkal    | Kamareddy  | 578567 |
| 7  | Manchal   | Rangareddy | 556444 |
| 8  | Madgul    | Rangareddy | 544519 |
| 9  | Dharur    | Vikarabad  | 538520 |
| 10 | Nandipet  | Nizamabad  | 536352 |

Table 2: Top 10 Mandals with Highest Employment Provided in 2020-21

456 Mandals of 540 participating Mandals in Telangana provided more employment in this year than the previous for the same time period.

However, if we were to consider the growth rate in employment provided in the pandemic compared to last year, 270 Mandals showed higher percentage change than the state average. Top 10 of these are listed in the below table 3.

| S No | Mandal          | District      | Employment Provided in Days (2019-20) | Employment Provided in Days (2020-21) | Percentage* Increase in Employment Provided |
|------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1    | Nandigama       | Rangareddy    | 2875                                  | 39406                                 | 1270.64                                     |
| 2    | Shamshabad      | Rangareddy    | 8437                                  | 80666                                 | 856.10                                      |
| 3    | Keesara         | Medchal       | 1488                                  | 14086                                 | 846.64                                      |
| 4    | Shamirpet       | Medchal       | 2800                                  | 23151                                 | 726.82                                      |
| 5    | Chinthala Palem | Suryapet      | 56254                                 | 282323                                | 401.87                                      |
| 6    | Moinabad        | Rangareddy    | 6419                                  | 30829                                 | 380.28                                      |
| 7    | Kothur          | Rangareddy    | 4253                                  | 18024                                 | 323.79                                      |
| 8    | Gummadidala     | Sangareddy    | 18025                                 | 65552                                 | 263.67                                      |
| 9    | Lingal          | Nagarkurnool  | 62780                                 | 213113                                | 239.46                                      |
| 10   | Allapalli       | B. Kothagudem | 17635                                 | 59798                                 | 239.09                                      |

Table 3: Top 10 Mandals with increase in Employment Provided in 2020-21

\*Percentage Change = (Increase in employment in 2020-21 X 100)/ employment in 2019-20.

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## Worst Performing Mandals

Despite the fact that the employment provided across the state this year on an average is greater than the last year, there are 84 Mandals where the employment provided is lower than the last year in the same study period. That is 15% of the 540 participating Mandals from the state. Top 10 mandals with the least number of days employment provided are listed in the below table.

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Despite the increment in employment provided across the state this year, 84 Mandals provided less employment this year than the previous between Apr - Sep.

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| S No | Mandal       | District                 | Employment Provided in Days (2020-21) |
|------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1    | Nandigama    | Rangareddy               | 39406                                 |
| 2    | Palmela      | Jayashanker Bhopalapally | 37282                                 |
| 3    | Moinabad     | Rangareddy               | 30829                                 |
| 4    | PATANCHERU   | Sangareddy               | 24960                                 |
| 5    | Shamirpet    | Medchal                  | 23151                                 |
| 6    | Jagtial      | Jagtial                  | 20035                                 |
| 7    | Kothur       | Rangareddy               | 18024                                 |
| 8    | Keesara      | Medchal                  | 14086                                 |
| 9    | Medchal      | Medchal                  | 11647                                 |
| 10   | Bhadrachalam | Bhadradri Kothagudem     | 9973                                  |

*Table 4: Top 10 Mandals with the Lowest Employment Provided in 2020-21*

If we were to consider the drop in the employment provided this year in the Mandals compared to the last year employment provided, the list changes completely. Top 10 of them can be seen in Table 5.



| S No | Block           | District                 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | Percentage Drop* in Employment Provided |
|------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---|
| 1    | Thorrur         | Mahabubabad              | 205714  | 99515   | 51.62                                   |
| 2    | Rudrangi        | Rajanna Sirsilla         | 90806   | 50227   | 44.69                                   |
| 3    | Peddapalle      | Peddapalli               | 455228  | 252709  | 44.49                                   |
| 4    | Luxettipet      | Mancherial               | 141007  | 92099   | 34.68                                   |
| 5    | Regonda         | Jayashanker Bhopalapally | 282899  | 196159  | 30.66                                   |
| 6    | Dilawarpur      | Nirmal                   | 281278  | 201140  | 28.49                                   |
| 7    | Raghunadhapalem | Khammam                  | 335773  | 244072  | 27.31                                   |
| 8    | Odela           | Peddapalli               | 270835  | 202036  | 25.40                                   |
| 9    | Danthalapalle   | Mahabubabad              | 158727  | 118907  | 25.09                                   |
| 10   | Srirampur       | Peddapalli               | 203300  | 152744  | 24.87                                   |

Table 5: Top 10 Mandals With Highest Percentage Drop In The Employment Provided In 2020-21  
 \*Percentage Drop = (Drop in employment in 2020-21 X 100)/ employment in 2019-20.

## Payment Issues

MGNREGA is predominantly funded by the central government. 90% of the funds are provided by the center. All the wage payments that are made to the workers get credited into their accounts through direct beneficiary transfers from the central govt. In this process there are data related issues because of which the payments don't reach the worker accounts as intended. Rejected Payments and Suspended payments are two prominent categories of payment failures in Telangana. The incidence of Rejected payments in Telangana is much lower than the rest of the country, with only 0.77% of the rejected transactions of the total rejected transactions in India.

- Rs 5.99 crores of worth wage payments are stuck due to technical errors
  - ◆ Rs. 2.25 crores are stuck as Rejected Payments
  - ◆ Rs 3.74 crores as Suspended Payments.
  - ◆ 18% of this amount (Rs 5.99 Cr) has to go to workers from Nalgonda district alone.

Table 6, shows the district-wise data for payments that are unpaid/stuck due to technical errors as on 23 October, 2020.

| S No | District                | Unpaid Amount (In Rs.) |
|------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1    | Nalgonda                | 10789406               |
| 2    | Mancherial              | 2509617                |
| 3    | Mahabubnagar            | 2396991                |
| 4    | Mahabubabad             | 2342462                |
| 5    | Sangareddy              | 2287653                |
| 6    | Nizamabad               | 2277317                |
| 7    | Bhadradri Kothagudem    | 2119576                |
| 8    | Wanaparthy              | 2114582                |
| 9    | Jogulamba Gadwal        | 2112024                |
| 10   | Siddipet                | 2091801                |
| 11   | Nagarkurnool            | 2063324                |
| 12   | Khammam                 | 1953144                |
| 13   | Mulugu                  | 1941841                |
| 14   | Rangareddy              | 1920230                |
| 15   | Jagtial                 | 1811906                |
| 16   | Warangal Rural          | 1793051                |
| 17   | Adilabad                | 1775124                |
| 18   | Medak                   | 1716925                |
| 19   | Vikarabad               | 1399919                |
| 20   | Suryapet                | 1333089                |
| 21   | Narayanpet              | 1321054                |
| 22   | Jayashankar Bhupalpally | 1262809                |
| 23   | Karimnagar              | 1182754                |
| 24   | Jangaon                 | 1181883                |
| 25   | Rajanna Sirsilla        | 1061758                |
| 26   | Kamareddy               | 1010075                |
| 27   | Kumram Bheem Asifabad   | 983125                 |
| 28   | Nirmal                  | 864832                 |
| 29   | Yadadri Bhuvanagiri     | 746913                 |
| 30   | Warangal (Urban)        | 741865                 |
| 31   | Peddapalli              | 656145                 |
| 32   | Medchal                 | 139143                 |

Table 6: District wise trend in Pending Payments across the state as on 23 October 2020

More than 2.7 Lakh new job cards were issued this year alone.

## Job Cards Issued

Every rural household upon registering for MGNREGS, will get a Job Card, this enables them to access work under MGNREGA. It contains the updated details of work demanded and received, wages paid etc.

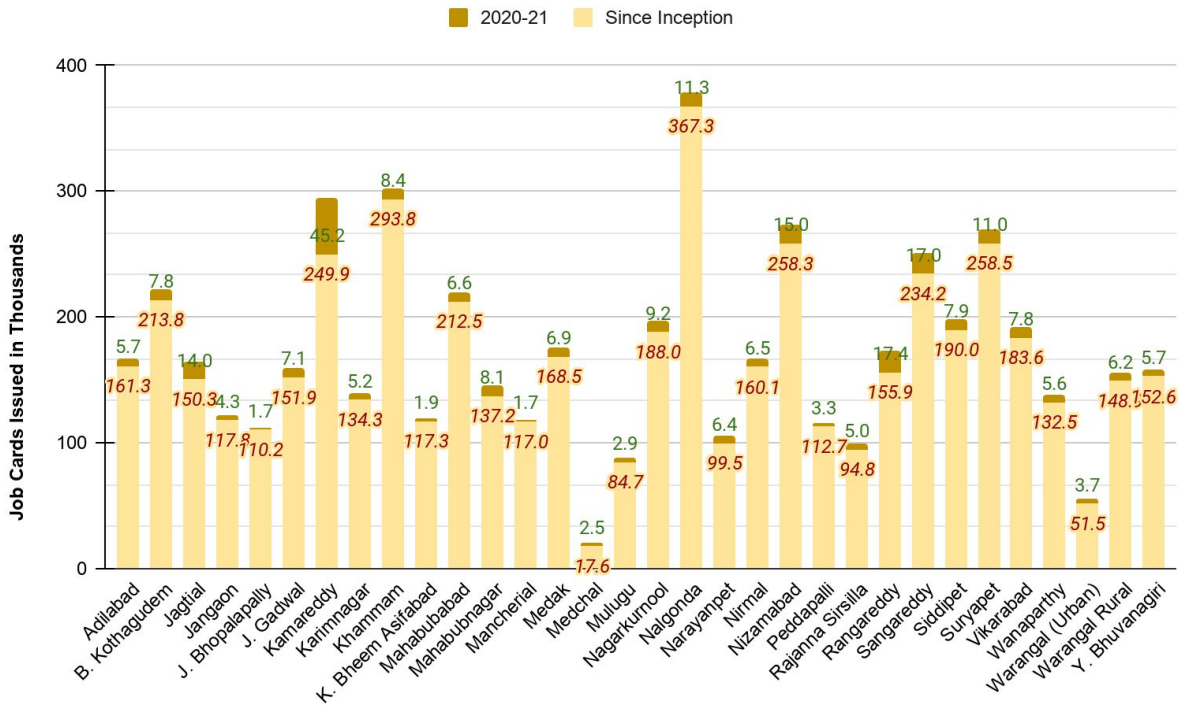


Figure 6: Number of Job Cards Issued in Telangana

Since the inception of the scheme about 52.3 lakh job cards issued as on 20, October 2020 in Telangana, 1.14 crores of individuals have benefited from it. This year alone about 2.7 lakhs of new job cards were issued i.e., 5.2% of the total job cards issued since the inception of the scheme in 2005 in the state. From figure 6, we can see that Kamareddy issued the most number of Job cards while Mancheril did the least.

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