

List of Questions with Answers under NREG Scheme for department web-site

How Panchayats are involved in National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS)?

1. Planning of works is done by Village Panchayat under the scheme
 (a) Yes (b) No
2. The cards are issued by
a) Zilla Parishad (b) Village Panchayat (c) State Govt.
3. The registration of household under NREGA is done by Village Panchayat
 (a) Yes (b) No
4. Who allocates employment under NREGA
 (a) Village Panchayat (b) Intermediate Panchayat (c) District Panchayat
5. Who constitutes the vigilance and monitoring committee under NREGA
 (a) Gram Sabha (b) State Govt. (c) District Panchayat.

6.What is the kind of employment that the Act guarantees?

The Act guarantees unskilled manual employment. It also addresses the special need of physically challenged individuals and women.

7.What must one do to enlist for employment under the Act?

Registration of household: The adult members of every household should submit their names, age, sex and address to the Gram Panchayat for registration and this registration will be valid for five years and is open for the whole year. Gram Panchayat will do the verification of details submitted by household for registration.

8. What will the applicant receive upon registration?

A Job Card from the Gram Panchayat, this card will have photographs of adult members of registered household, it will be valid for five years and will have a unique registration number.

9. What is a Job Card. Why is it important?

A Job Card is important because it will have the registration number of the household. This card will have details about number of days on which employment provided to adult members of household and wages paid, would also enlist the works in which employment was given to the household etc.

A Job Card is a document that gives an applicant an entitlement for employment.

10. Where can one apply for work?

One can apply for work preferable at Gram Panchayat, but in case of non-availability of work at the Gram Panchayat level the application could be made to the Programme Officer.

11. Where can one get employment within 15 days of the application or from the day when work is demanded?

Within 15 days of submitting the application, employment will be provided to the individual. If employment is not provided, then the applicant would be entitled to receive unemployment allowance.

12. Who are the authorities responsible for implementation?

a) Responsibility: Programme officer in consultation with Gram Panchayat will be responsible for implementation of the Scheme.

b) Execution of works: The Gram Panchayat will execute 50% of the sanctioned work and remaining work can be executed by line departments, NGOs and other appropriate agencies, as may be decided by District Panchayat.

13. What does each one do?

- (i) Gram Sabha: Social Audit, Planning and Selection of works and according priority to works,
- (ii) Gram Panchayat: Preparation of Plan for the Gram Panchayat, registration of workers, Providing Job Card to workers, Implementing 50% of the works. Payment of wages, Monitoring the performance of Programme in its area.
- (iii) Programme Officer: Planning for the Block, Integrate the village-wise Plans, allotment of work, Implementation of Programme and provide employment to the workers, Provide Unemployment Allowance
- (iv) Intermediate Panchayat: Preparation of Block Level Plans, Monitoring and supervision of Programme at the Block level.
- (v) District Programme Coordinator: Overall Planning, Coordination, Implementation in the District.
- (vi) District Panchayat: Planning and Monitoring of Programme in the District

14. What are the Guidelines and why are they required?

For the first time a legal entitlement has been provided to the workers to get employment by an Act of Parliament. To transmit an enactment into Schemes and Programmes, State level Schemes are being formulate by each State. Centre has issued guidelines to States, to provide them with basic structure for the preparation of their Schemes. In preparation of Schemes, a high degree of flexibility has been given to the States.

15.. What are the activities to be taken before the notification?

- a. A wide and detailed communication campaign to inform and educate the Stakeholders are to be initiated. Gram Sabhas in the NREGA districts are to be held to mobilise the demand for employment and educate about the Programme.

- b. States are to finalise the list of works and prepare shelf of projects, with Technical and Administrative sanction accorded to the works. It is planned do be done in such a manner that the works are available to be taken up in each village/ habitation, specially in deprived areas
- c. Key personnel involved in implementation of the Programme are to be deployed.
- d. Key functionaries, such as functionaries of Panchayati Raj and Officials involved with implementation of the Programme are to oriented for implementation.
- e. Essential documents like stationary for registration, Job card are to be printed.

16. What are the activities to be taken up on the day of Notification?

On the day of notification of districts where the Programme is to be implemented, Gram Sabha is to be held in each village and the process of registration workers would commence, but works would not start on this day.

17. What activities would be taken up after notification?

After the receipt of application for registration of workers, Gram Panchayat would conduct scrutiny of applications for registration, which would result in provision of Jo Cards to those who would be found fit. After compilation of data and generation of demand for employment, work would be allotted.

18. What are the activities to be taken up within six months?

Training is continuing process and would continue along with the implementation of the Programme. Employment would be provided to adults volunteering to do unskilled work, which should result in creation of durable assets. The works should be so selected in the shelf of project which fulfill this requirement. A full proof monitoring and evaluation mechanism would also be prepared.