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## The Performance of Mgnrega for Sustainable Rural Development in Karnataka - An Analytical Study

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**ABSTRACT:** This Act may be called the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005. It was enacted by Parliament in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Republic of India and it extends to the whole of the country. This Act to provide for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. This programme was specially ratified for employment generation in rural areas to empower the unskilled people. The aim of this programme in the national interest is achieve sustainable rural development. This paper has been focused on the performance of the MGNREGA between the period 2013-14 and 2016-17 by taking into consideration of certain variables which are very indispensable under this programme.

**KEYWORDS:** National rural employment guarantee act, livelihood security, wage employment, unskilled manual work, sustainable rural development.

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### I. INTRODUCTION:

MGNAREGA has been considered one of the flagship programmes of the government of India and also has been identified as a biggest employment generation programme in the world. In Karnataka state under various Grama Panchayats 54 lakhs job cards have issued among them 26.6 lakhs are active job cards. There are 138.12 lakhs of total numbers of workers and out of this 61.51 lakhs of workers are active workers. This statistics shows the significance of this programme in Karnataka state. With this background there is a need to study the performance of this programme

### II. OBJECTIVES:

1. To assess the trends in allocating labour budget, person days generated, average days of employment provided per household, average wage rate per day per person, total number of works taken up, total no. of completed works, total centre released, percentage of utilization of fund, wages paid under MGNAREGA in Karnataka state for the period from 2013-14 to 2016-17.
2. To provide suitable policy suggestions for achieve sustainable rural development through MGNAREGA in Karnataka.

### III. METHODOLOGY:

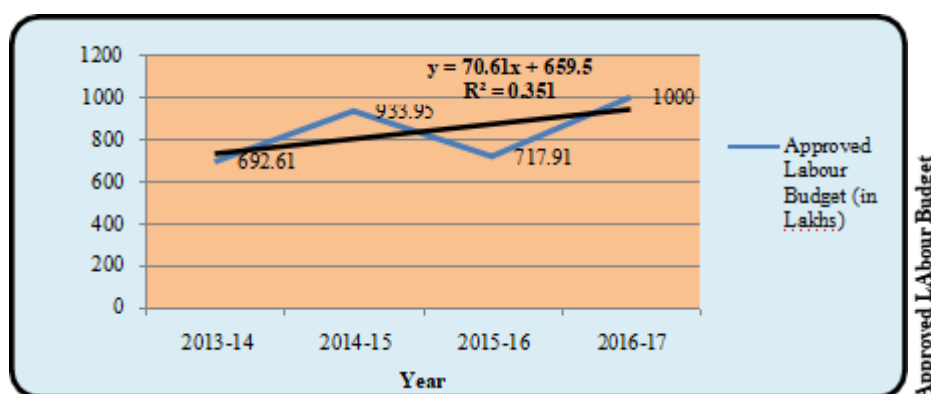
The study based on the secondary data and has been collected from the official website of the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, for 4 years period from 2013-14 to 2016-17. The collected data has been presented in the form of table and graphs with trendline.

**MGNREGA IN KARNATAKA:**

The state Karnataka has 30 districts with 176 Blocks (Taluks) and 6023 Grama Panchayats. All the Panchayats are effectively involving in the implementation of MGNAREGA for the creation of hundred days wage employment for the unskilled people. In order to create employment in rural India under this programme the government of India has been increased budget allocation. In order to examine performance of the programme certain factors have been taken into consideration and presented in the table-1.

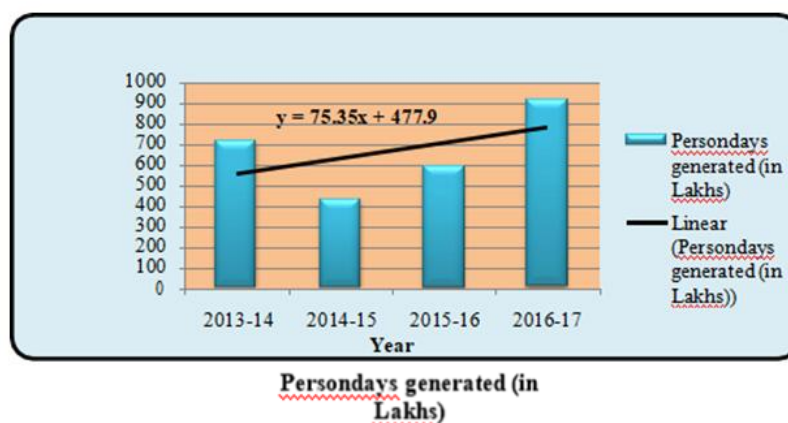
**Table-1: Progress of MGNREGA in Karnataka:**

YEAR	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Approved Labour Budget (in Lakhs)	692.61	933.95	717.91	1000
Persondays generated (in Lakhs)	718.86	433.28	598.38	915.02
Average days of employment provided per household	49.56	39.61	48.83	50.28
Average wage rate per day per person	173.62	190.26	203.7	223.37
Total no. of works taken up (in Lakhs)	8.79	9.77	8.24	10.27
Total no. of completed works	190754	479295	317381	303821
Total Centre Release	159606.81	171687.07	99155.27	225864.88
Percentage of Utilization	100.89	85.2	138.71	123.57
Wages (in lakhs)	142392.37	98901.23	112047.72	215613.43



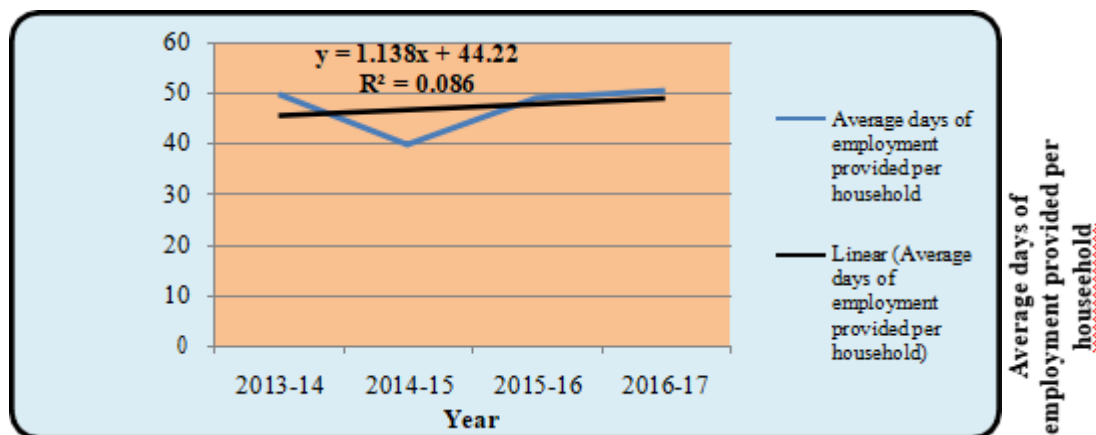
**Graph-1: Year-wise approved labour budget under MGNAREGA in Karnataka:**

The graph-1 depicts the year-wise approved labour budget under MGNAREGA in Karnataka. During the observed period i.e., between 2013-14 and 2016-17 the approved labour budget has been gradually increasing as the trend line shows. It is very clear from the trend line that, this programme has been succeeded in making continuous effort in allocating labour budget in Karnataka state in order to create employment opportunities. The actual labour budget has been fluctuating during this period as the actual values indicate in the graph-1.



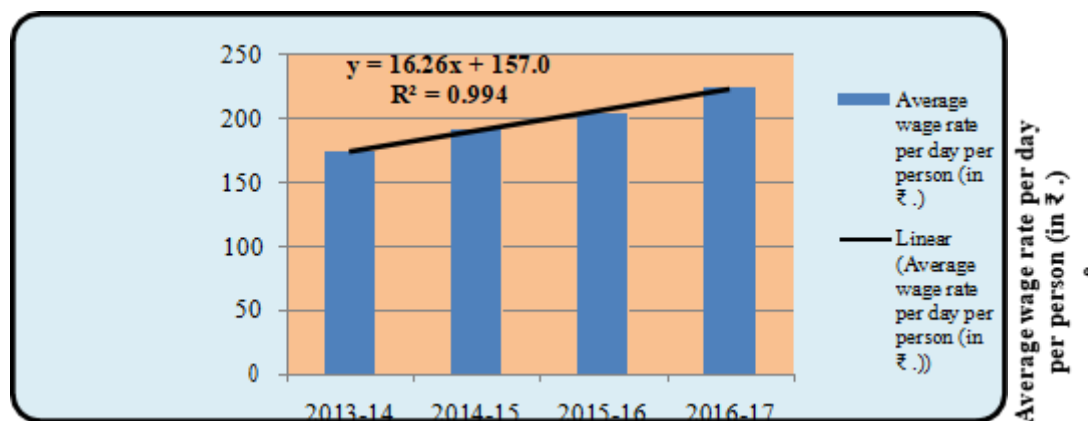
**Graph-2: Year-wise Persondays generated (in Lakhs) under MGNAREGA in Karnataka:**

The graph-2 represents the year-wise Persondays generated under MGNAREGA in Karnataka. During the observed period i.e., between 2013-14 and 2016-17 the Persondays generated has been gradually increasing as the trend line shows. It is very clear from the upward trend line that, this programme has been succeeded in making continuous effort in persondays generated in Karnataka state. The actual Persondays generated has been fluctuating during this period as the actual values indicate in the graph-2.



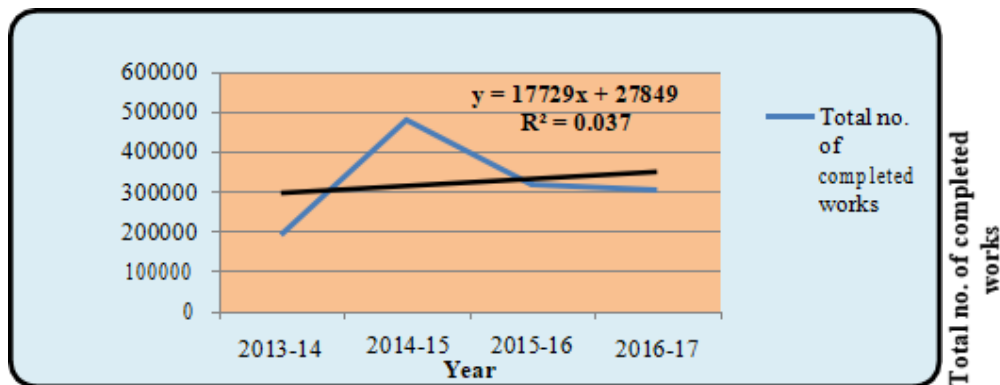
**Graph-3: Year-wise Average days of employment provided per household under MGNAREGA in Karnataka:**

The graph-3 shows year-wise Average days of employment provided per household under MGNAREGA in Karnataka. During the observed period of time there was a greater volatility in Average days of employment provided per household as the actual values depicts. But the upward trend line clearly shows that there was an increasing tendency in the Average days of employment provided per household during this period. It means that this programme has put a continuous effort in making increase Average days of employment provided per household in Karnataka state.



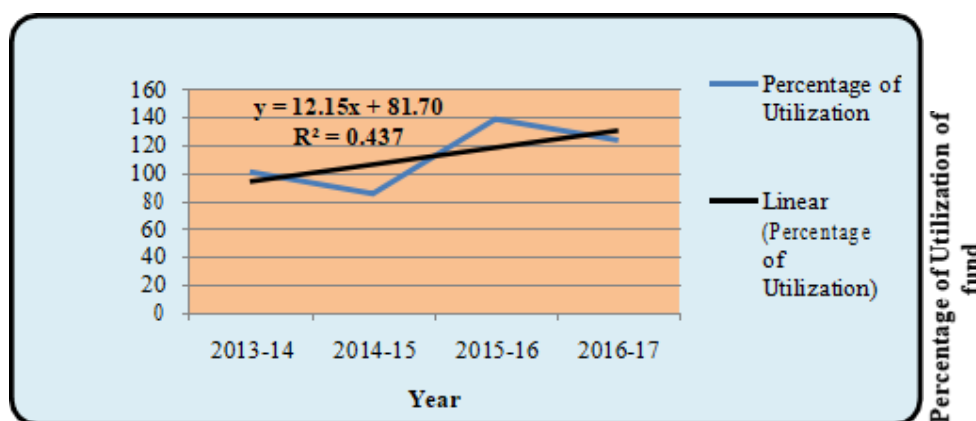
**Graph-4: Year-wise Average wage rate per day per person (in ₹.) under MGNAREGA in Karnataka:**

The graph 4 shows year-wise Average wage rate per day per person (in ₹.) under MGNAREGA in Karnataka. During the observed period of time there was a greater volatility in Average wage rate per day per person (in ₹.) as the actual values depicts. But the upward trend line clearly shows that there was an increasing tendency in the Average wage rate per day per person (in ₹.) during this period. It means that this programme has put a continuous effort in making increase Average wage rate per day per person (in ₹.) in Karnataka state.



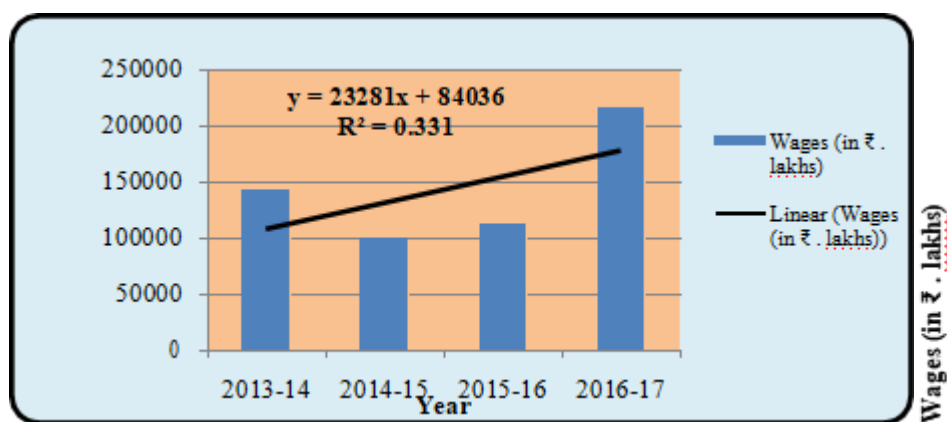
Graph-5: Year-wise Total no. of works taken up (in Lakhs) under MGNAREGA in Karnataka:

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Graph-6: Year-wise total no. of completed works under MGNAREGA in Karnataka:

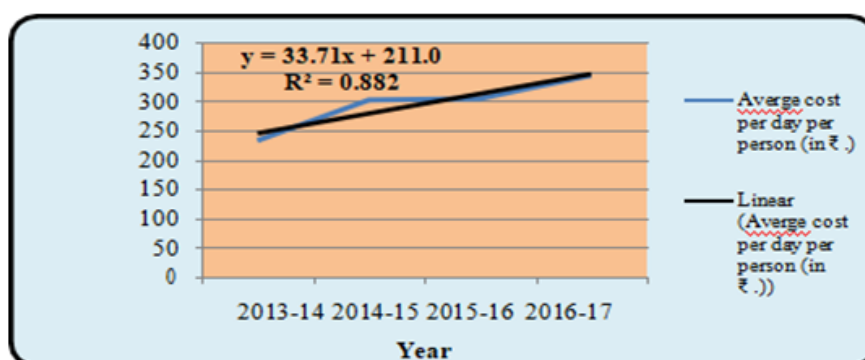
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Graph-7: Year-wise Total Centre Release under MGNAREGA in Karnataka:

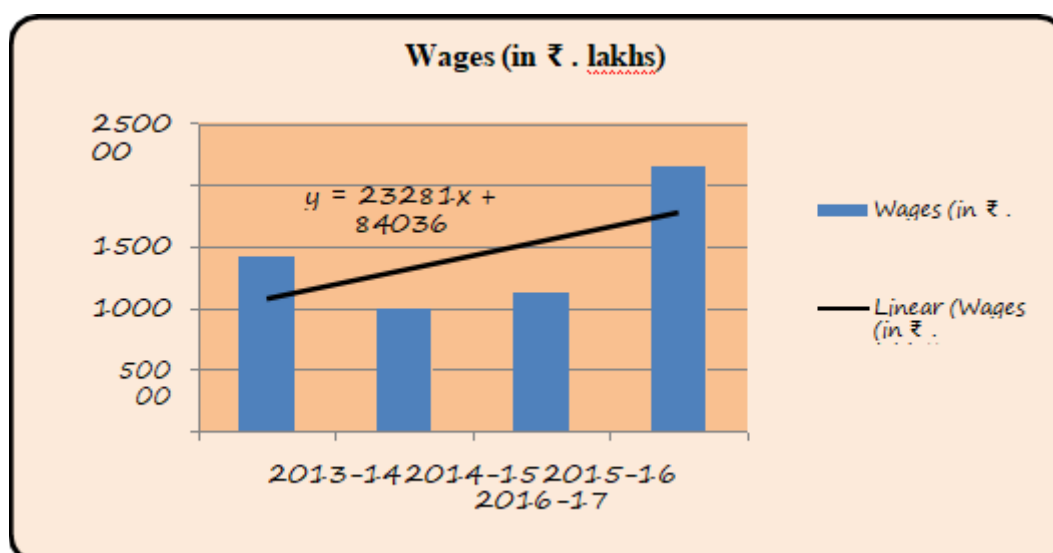
The graph-7 shows year-wise Total Centre Release under MGNAREGA in Karnataka. During the observed period of time there was a greater volatility in Total Centre Release as the actual values depicts. But

the upward trend line clearly shows that there was an increasing tendency in the Total Centre Release during this period. It means that this programme has put a continuous effort in making increase Total Centre Release in Karnatakastate.



**Graph-8: Year-wise Percentage of Utilization under MGNAREGA in Karnataka:**

The graph-8 shows year-wise Percentage of Utilization under MGNAREGA in Karnataka. During the observed period of time there was a greater volatility in Percentage of Utilization as the actual values depicts. But the upward trend line clearly shows that there was an increasing tendency in the Percentage of Utilization during this period. It means that this programme has put a continuous effort in making increase Percentage of Utilization in Karnataka state.



**Graph-9: Year-wise Wages paid (in ₹. lakhs) under MGNAREGA in Karnataka:**

The graph-9 shows year-wise Wages paid (in ₹. lakhs) under MGNAREGA in Karnataka. During the observed period of time there was a greater volatility in Wages paid (in ₹. lakhs) as the actual values depicts. But the upward trend line clearly shows that there was an increasing tendency in the Wages paid (in ₹. lakhs) during this period. It means that this programme has put a continuous effort in making increase Wages paid (in ₹. lakhs) in Karnataka state.

#### **IV. FINDINGS OF THE STUDY:**

It is very clear from the study that, this programme has been succeeded in making continuous effort to increase in;

1. Allocating labour budget,
2. Person days generated,
3. Average days of employment provided per household,
4. Average wage rate per day per person,
5. Total number of works taken up,
6. Total no. of completed works,

7. Total Centre Released,
8. Percentage of Utilization of fund,
9. Wages paid under this programme in Karnataka state.

#### **V. SUGGESTION AND CONCLUSION:**

The study has been identified that there was an increasing trend in the considered variables such as Allocating labour budget, Persondays generated, Average days of employment provided per household, Average wage rate per day per person, Total number of works taken up, Total no. of completed works, Total Centre Released, Percentage of Utilization of fund, Wages paid under this programme in Karnataka state. But this programme has been failure to mitigate the problem of unemployment in the rural Karnataka especially during the drought condition in the present days. The scientific plan formulations will create further more employment and supports a minimum level of asset creation in rural Karnataka to enhance the level of rural development in the longrun.

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