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#### Preface

We appreciate the confidence reposed in NRIF, by the Monitoring Division<sup>2</sup>, Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India for "Preparation of State Specific Draft Report of CE of SGRY in respect of Rajasthan completed during 2002-03". Immediately, NRIF, contacted the lead / national coordinating agency i.e. Centre for Management Development (CMD), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala to provide us the necessary primary information / clean data of all the 32 Districts of the State of Rajasthan, canvassed / collected by the three agencies <sup>3</sup> viz. IIPA (20 Districts including Ajmer & 54 Blocks); LRC (5 Districts & 14 Blocks); and, **NRIF** (5 Districts & 14 Blocks).

Despite the repeated requests / reminders we received the soft-data only in the later part of September 2006, that too without coding / decoding / description / table names / legends etc. that would have facilitated us to process the data for generating the output tables for report writing. This matter had also been brought to the notice of the Ministry in early November 2006 and copy endorsed to CMD for expediting the matters. Further, through repeated attempt to get clarification / information from the CMD, about no-availability of data-coverage of Ajmer district too was not fruitful. Hence the evaluation of SGRY in the State of Rajasthan is limited to 31 districts only.

With all said and done, the **Draft Report** consisting of Six Chapters has been completed to keep up the mandate despite all the limitations faced in the process. We hope the Ministry finds this in order. Should there be any clarifications required kindly feel free to contact the undersigned for any reprisal.

We value the Ministry's kind patronage and shall strive to deliver the quality services as ever before.

Yours faithfully, for NATURAL RESOURCES INDIA FOUNDATION (NRIF)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Vide order no. Q.13013/33/2003-A.1 (RD), dated 29<sup>th</sup> June 2006

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> IIPA: Indian Institute of Public Administration; LRC: Locus Research & Consultants; NRIF: Natural Resources India Foundation.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY •

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- The Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana (SGRY) aims to provide additional wage employment and food security to the rural poor and create durable community, social and economic infrastructure in the rural areas. (1.1)
- The SGRY is a centrally sponsored scheme where the central and the state in the ratio 75:25 share the cash component. Foodgrains are provided as a part of wages in kind to the beneficiaries and are supplied by the central government free of cost. The scheme is open to the needy rural poor within to work in and around his/her village. The scheme is implemented and supervised at the district, block and gram panchayat levels by Panchayati Raj Institutions. The contractors and middlemen are not allowed to execute works under SGRY. It also bans use of machinery, which may displace manual works. (1.1)
- The concurrent evaluation of the SGRY has been undertaken on behalf of the Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development will the objectives to (a) examine whether the guidelines of the scheme are being followed in the selection of beneficiaries, kinds of works taken up, utilization of funds, extent of food security etc. (b) ascertain the quality, utility and sustainability of the assets created, (c) assess the contribution of the scheme in improving the employment and living conditions of BPL population, and (d) understand the process of implementation of the scheme. (1.2)
- The study has covered 31 districts, 82 Block Panchayats, 840 Gram Panchayats, 4152 beneficiaries and 1632 non-beneficiaries. A mute state sampling has been adopted in the selection of Block Panchayats and Gram Panchayats. Beneficiaries and nonbeneficiaries have been selected at random from the sampled Gram Panchayat. (1.13)
- Information relevant to the scheme has also been collected from 23 depots of the food corporation of India. 1249 assets have been surveyed to find under state and status. (1.13)
- The information for the study has been collected through a set of eight-structured schedule (1.3).

#### Allocation of funds:

During the financial year 2002-03, a total allocation of Rs.13755.86 lakhs has been made to 28 districts of the state. (The data of allocation of funds is available in respect of 28 districts only. Hence information on allocation of funds relate to 28 districts). The central share has been Rs.1028.38 lakhs (74.43%) and that of the state govt. has been Rs.3517.48 lakhs (25.57%), The total allocation, under stream I of SGRY, has been 

Rs.7008.98 lakhs (50.95%) and that of under stream II, Rs.6746.88 lakhs (49.05%)

# Receipt of funds

(2.2).

- The total receipt of funds under SGRY in al the 31 districts covered under the study has been Rs.17266.71 lakhs. It consists of central share of Rs.12815.67 lakhs (74.22%), state share of Rs.4324.08 lakhs (25.04%) and other receipts including interest on bank deposits Rs.126.96 lakhs (0.74%).
- The total receipts of funds under stream I have been higher (Rs.8950.22 lakhs) by 7.62% as compared to stream II (Rs.8316.49 lakh). The quantum of receipt of funds against allocation in majority of the districts (96.43%) has been 100 to less than 150 percent both under stream I and stream II. Majority of the districts (70.97%) have received total funds in the range of Rs.2 crores to less than 4 crores and under stream II the proportion of such districts is 80.65 (2.3).

## Matching share

• It has been found that the concept of matching share has not only been followed with regard to total allocation and receipt of funds but also in funds allocated and released under stream I and stream II of SGRY (2.4).

## • Total available funds

• The total available funds under SGRY for 31 districts amounts to Rs.20915.19 lakhs. It comprises of opening balance at the beginning of the year (17.45%), receipts from central government (61.27%), receipts from state government (20.67%) and other receipts (0.61%). There are wide differences, among the districts, in the total available funds. For instance only one district has total available funds of Rs.1049.52 lakhs under SGRY, 6 districts are in range of Rs.8 crores to Rs.10 crores, 14 districts are in the range of Rs. 6 crores to less than 8 crores, 8 districts fall in the range of Rs. 4 crores to less than 6 crores and 2 districts are in the range of Rs.2 crores to less than Rs.4 crores. (2.5).

## <u>Utilisation of funds</u>

The total utilization of funds under SGRY around 90.62%. It is 89.26% under stream I and 90.62% under stream II. District level data on utilization of total available fund reveals that 3 districts have utilized between 95% and 100%, another 10 districts fall in

the percentage utilization range of 90 to less than 95% and another 12 are in the range of 85% to less than 90 percent (2.6).

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#### <u>Utilisation of funds in activities for SC/ST</u>

 The guidelines of SGRY stipulates that 22.50% and 50.00% of the total allocation inclusive of foodgrains under stream I and stream II respectively be utilized for the creation of need based village infrastructure in SC/ST habitations / ward. However, it has been found that about 16.68% and 53.02% of the total expenditure under stream I and stream II respectively have been on the activities relating to SC/ST category of beneficiaries (2.6).

#### Unspent amount

In unspent amount here refer to unexpended or unutilized amount out of the total available funds in a district. Leaving aside the districts which have utilized 100% and more total available funds under, it has been found that under stream I Rs.1194.59 lakhs constituting around 12.62% of the total available funds and under stream II Rs.911.72 lakhs constituting about 10.76% of the total available funds remaining unspent at the close of the financial year as revealed by the data collected from the fields. However, there are wide variations, among the district, in the unspent amount. For instance, under stream I, the highest unspent amount fund is in Karoli district (Rs.221.24 lakhs) and lowest (Rs.2.16 lakhs) in Sikar district. Similarly under stream II the highest unspent amount is in karoli district (Rs.134.86 lakhs) and lowest (Rs.0.77 lakh) in Ganga Nagar district (2.7).

#### Annual Action Plan

- In 61 % of the districts, the AAP are prepared in time i.e. before the end of February of each financial year (4.2.1)
- The In 55 % of the districts (17) the AAPs are approved by a committee of elected representatives of Zila Parishad. In 3 districts each it is approved by CEO, Z.P. or District Planning Committees (4.2.2)

#### • Implementing agencies

 Rural Development Department of the state implements the scheme at the state level. At the district level, the overall supervision of the scheme rests with Zila Parishad. The stream of Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti at the Block level implementation of SGRY. At the village level, the Gram Panchayat implements the stream II of the SGRY (2.8).

#### Executing agencies of SGRY

 A number of agencies are involved in the execution of the scheme in the districts. The PRIs are executing the scheme in 38.71% of the districts and the line department, and, state government corporation are involved in the implementation of the scheme in 16.67% and 3.33% of the districts respectively (4.1).

#### Involvement of Contractors

- In 97.12% of the works, contractors were not involved (4.12).
- According to 91.98% of the beneficiaries, contractors have not been involved in the works in which they have been associated with (4.12).

#### <u>Awareness of implementing agencies</u>

 On an average about 68.55% of the sampled beneficiaries are aware of implementing agencies. However, there are wide variations among districts on the extent of awareness of beneficiaries about implementing agencies. For instance, while all the beneficiaries of Pali district are aware about the implementing agencies, only 4.12% of the beneficiaries of Dausa district are aware about it (2.14).

#### State and status of SGRY works

- In 80.65% of the districts works taken up are part of AAPs (4.3).
- According to 92.63% of the beneficiaries works taken up are need based (4.3.1)
- In 87.10% of the districts, the technical support in execution of works is provided by the technical wing of the executing agencies (4.3.2)
- 97.81% of the total sanctioned works have been taken up during the period of study (4.3.3)
- 81.99% of the works taken up were completed during the year (4.3.4)
- 47.77%, 52.16% and 0.07% of the total sanctioned works have been meant for general, SC & ST, and physically challenged category of beneficiaries (4.3.3)
- Status of works according to category of beneficiaries
- 99.09%, 96.69% and 45.65% of the works sanctioned for general category, SC and ST and physically challenged persons respectively have been taken during the period of the study (4.3.4).

- 87.20%, 77.10% and 100.00% of the works taken up for general category, SC and ST and physically challenged persons have been completed (4.3.4)
- 0.91%, 3.31% and 54.35% of the works sanctioned for general, SC and ST and physically challenged category of beneficiaries were not taken up during the year (4.3.4)

## Use low cost material, and technology

- Low cost material have been used in the creation of 76.38% of the assets (4.15)
- In 73.50% of the assets, low cost technology has been used (4.16)

## <u>Type of benefit received</u>

- 95.35% of the beneficiaries have been benefited by getting wage employment, another 2.70% received individual benefits and the rest 1.69% got both wage employment and individual benefits.
- 3.85% and 2.83% of the responding scheduled caste and scheduled tribes beneficiaries respectly received individual benefits (3.14)
- Only 22.16% of the responding beneficiaries received benefits under SGRY with more than one member of the household. The proportion of such beneficiaries among scheduled tribe is as high as 25.45 and among other category it is as low as 19.70 (3.15).
- the other members of the household of 92.28% of the responding beneficiaries received benefits in the form of wage employment (3.16).

## Employment generation

- 377.84 lakh mandays of employment have been generated under SGRY in 31 districts of the state. The quantum of employment generation under stream I has been higher (52.77%) as compared with stream II (47.23%).
- The implementing agencies of SGRY have taken care of the needs for wage employment of each broad societal category of population is evident by the fact the proportion of scheduled castes beneficiaries the total employment generation has been 32.99%, of scheduled tribes (34.33%) and of other category of beneficiaries (32.68%).
- The share of women beneficiaries in the total employment has been around 40.59%.
- The study of landless beneficiaries in the total employment has been around 14.55% (2.29)

## Employment generate

- 73.84% of the responding beneficiaries received employment for up to 30 days. The proportion of beneficiaries in employment decrease as with increase in the duration of employment. For instance while 41.21% of the SGRY beneficiaries have been in employment for a duration of up to 15 days, only 3.54 have been in employment for above 90 days.
- The average days of employment under SGRY during the year 2002-03 in the state has been 26.85 days. It has been as high as 32.10 days in the case of ST beneficiaries and as low as 24.51 days for SC beneficiaries (3.17).

#### <u>Minimum wages</u>

The minimum wages fixed for unskilled workers is Rs. 60.00 per day in almost all the districts. However, there are wide variations among the districts in the minimum wages fixed for skilled worker – it is as high as Rs. 150/- per day in Sirohi district and as low as Rs. 60/- per day in Rajsamand district (2.10)

#### Wages

- 73.05% of the sampled beneficiaries have received per day wages ranging between Rs.31 to Rs.60. Average wage per day is Rs.58.68. However, there are wide variations in average wage per day among districts – it is as Rs.87.33 in Jhunjhun district and as low as Rs.40.27 in Chittorgarh district (3.18)
- 73.19% of the sampled beneficiaries are aware of the minimum amount of wages fixed by the government (3.19)
- 66.38% of the beneficiaries have received wages in cash on weekly basis, and another 28.71% received it on fortnightly basis (3.20.1).
- 58.60% of the beneficiaries received wages in kind (foodgrains) on weekly basis and another 35.36% received it on fortnightly basis (3.20.1)
- 64.77% of the beneficiaries received wages in cash on site; and 95.35% received wages in kind (foodgrains) off-site (3.21).
- For 76.30% of the beneficiaries quality of foodgrains component in total wages is adequate, and for another 13.77% it is more than adequate (i.e. high and too high taken together) (3.22)
- Three-fourths of the beneficiaries are aware of the price fixed per kg of foodgrains distributed (3.23)

## • Foodgrains components

- 286185.65 tonne of foodgrains (wheat) has been allocated and lifted for distribution under SGRY in 31 districts of the state. About 83.77% of the lifted foodgrains have been distributed (2.11).
- The state government has distributed wheat as BPL rates i.e. Rs.4.60 per kg. (2.12)
- The beneficiaries received on an average 8.60 kg per day as part of wages in king (2.13)

## Performance of FCI Depots in releasing foodgrains under SGRY

- The 23 FCI depots located in different locations of the state supply foodgrains to PDS located in different corners of a district (5.3)
- In FCI Depots receive communication from DRDA/District Collector for supplying foodgrains to 82.61% of the FCI Depot always receive communication regarding lifting of foodgrains well in advance (5.4).
- 95.65% of the FCI Depots release foodgrains within a period of 5 days after receiving the communication for lifting the foodgrains (5.6).
- 86.96% of officials of FCI depots have reported that they are always able to provide required quantity of quality foodgrains at the rate fixed by the state government.
- The officials of 74.19% of the districts never faced any difficulty in lifting, transporting and distributing the foodgrains (5.7)
- In 90.32% of the districts, the lifted foodgrains are stored in PDS outlets (5.8).
- 96.22% of the beneficiaries are satisfied with the quality of foodgrains supplied as part of wages under the SGRY (5.9.1).
- 83% of the officials of the FCI Depots have reported that they have conducted joint examination with the officials of DRDA/ZP to assess the quality of foodgrains distributed.
- <u>Status and status of assets</u>
- The study has been covered a total of 1249 assets creation under SGRY (4.11.1)
- 96.40% of the assets have been completed (4.11.1)
- Only 0.24% of the works have been abandoned (4.11.1)
- Rs.956.65 lakhs have been spent on 104 assets completed during the year. These assets created 101.80 lakh mandays of employment (4.11.2)
- 42.52% of the works relate to construction of dwelling units and 25.98% of the works consist of road work (5.11.2)

## Quality of works

- According to 42.05%, 42.56%, 14.28% and 0.29% of the beneficiaries, the quality of works in which they are involved as very good, good, satisfactory and poor respectively (4.9.1)
- 35.65% of the covered beneficiaries (1404 out of 4152) are aware of quality specification of works (4.9.2).
- According to 94.87% of the beneficiaries, who are aware of quality specification of works the quality specifications are adhered to in the works they are involved (4.9.3).

## Quality of assets

 70.78% and 27.46% of the assets have been quality – wise assessed as good and satisfactory respectively (4.13)

## • Utility of works

• According to 53.23% of the covered beneficiaries the works taken up are very useful, for another 45.38% the works are useful and 0.63% find them not useful (4.10)

## <u>Utility of assets</u>

• 91.51% and 5.76% of the created assets are fully utilized respectively. About 2.16% of the assets are not at all utilized (4.14)

## Monitoring and Inspection

- Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been constituted in only 23 districts out of 31 districts. VMC meets monthly in 7 districts, once in two months in 2 districts, quarterly in 9 districts and half-yearly in 3 districts. In the remaining 2 districts the VMC meetings are irregular.
- In SGRY is monitored by VMC in only 19 districts.
- All the issues relating to implementation of the SGRY are discussed in only 12 districts (2.21.1)
- The schedule of inspection of SGRY works is reported to prepared in 21 districts out of 31 districts covered under the study. While inspections are always made in 7 districts as per the schedule to inspection, in remaining 14 districts, inspection are made only sometimes, state level officials have made field visits in 23 districts out of 31 districts (2.21.2).

## Monitoring and control by implementing agencies

• According to 87.07% of the beneficiaries, the works are monitored by the implementing agencies (4.5)

#### • <u>Supervision of works</u>

• According to 87.07% of the beneficiaries, works in which they are involved are supervised by the technically qualified persons (4.6)

#### • Employment Register

• According to 41.94% of the beneficiaries, employment registers are maintained for the works in which they are involved (4.47)

#### <u>Maintenance of muster rolls</u>

• About 98.03% of the sampled beneficiaries have been that muster rolls have been maintained for the works in which they have been involved (2.17).

#### Beneficiary committee

• Only about 28.73% of the sampled beneficiaries have indicated information of beneficiary committee for the SGRY works in which they have been involved (2.16).

## Display of sign boards

- 72.59% of the beneficiaries have reported display of sign boards at their work sites (2.19)
- 70.97% of the districts (22 out of 31) covered under the study, the sign boards are displayed at all the works sites (4.8)
- In 20.58% of the districts, sign boards are displayed at same of the work sites (4.8).

## • Profile of beneficiaries

- Percentage of males is higher (69.48%) than female beneficiaries (30.52%), minimum female sample beneficiaries (23.46%) are from other category (3.2)
- Maximum beneficiaries (47.54%) are from scheduled castes category (3.3)
- Maximum sample beneficiaries (76.13%) are in the age-group of 18-40 yrs. (3.4)
- 49.78% of the beneficiaries are from nuclear families and another 48.46% live in joint families set-up (3.5).
- 6.02% of the beneficiaries are children of physically challenged parents. Among the scheduled tribe beneficiaries, the proportion of such beneficiaries is 8.01% (3.6)

- 52.43% of the beneficiaries are illiterate. The proportion of the illiterates among SC beneficiaries it is 55.42%. A little less than one-fourth of SC beneficiaries are education up to graduate and above, while one-fifth of ST beneficiaries possess the level of school and college education (3.7)
- 60.09% of the beneficiaries are in BPL category among ST beneficiaries, the proportion of BPL category is 73.61, among SC category it is 61.35% and among other category it form about 45.03% (3.8)
- 50.70% of the beneficiaries own land, and 51.29% of them hold land up to 0.10 ha (3.9 and 3.10)
- Almost all the responding beneficiaries own a house except a minuscule proportion (0.55%). Majority of the beneficiaries own kutcha house (3.11)
- 55.20% and 21.80% of the responding by beneficiaries are non-agricultural unskilled wage earner and agricultural wage earner respectively and are in almost all the districts. Second, there is virtually no beneficiary with current principal occupation falling in the category of service and tailoring. Thirdly, beneficiaries falling in rest of other category are in very small proportion in some of the district. Lastly, there are considerable variations of each occupational category among the districts (3.12)

## Locational status of labours employed in SGRY works

96.87% of the covered beneficiaries come from same locality and/or neighborhood (4.17).

## • Sources of Awareness about the scheme

 To the beneficiaries, the most common and sources of information are elected bodies at the block / intermediate level and below. For instance,84.22% of the beneficiaries come to know about the scheme from Gram Panchayat for 46.04% it is Gram Sabha and for 31.04% get the information from Intermediate/Block Panchayat (3.13)

## Facility available at the work-sites

- 43.11% of the sampled beneficiaries have mentioned availabilities have mentioned availabilities of drinking water facilities at the work sites
- 32.59% of the beneficiaries have indicate that first aid facility are available at the work site.
- The facility facilities for rest-shed have been available at the work sites of about 10.69% of the sampled beneficiaries.

• Out 0.31% of the beneficiaries have indicated availability of toilet facility at their work sites (2.18)

#### Problem faced in availability the benefits

 About 92.87% of the sampled beneficiaries have not faced any problem in availing the benefits. These who faced problem, majority of them had to make repeated visits to panchayat office for getting the benefits (2.15)

#### Improvement in quality of life

• 81.64% and 16.84% of the beneficiaries have found the SGRY useful and very useful respectively in improving the quality of life (3.24)

#### • SGRY to continue in its present form

• 98.41% of the beneficiaries, irrespective of the societal category they belong to have pleaded in its present form the scheme to continue in future (3.25)

#### Opinion of non-beneficiaries

- 79.47% of the non-beneficiaries feel that the economic security of their households would have improved of they has had received benefits of the scheme (6.14)
- 86.15% of the non-beneficiaries opined that the nutrional level of the member, if their would have improved, if they were beneficiaries of the scheme (6.14)
- 77.14% of the non-beneficiaries expressed the belief that the SGRY benefits would have made a perceptible difference in the quality of their lives to some extent and for another 12.56% to a large extent (6.14)
- 93.64% of the non-beneficiaries feel that the implementation of the SGRY is proper (6.14)
- According to 87.44% of the non-beneficiaries the benefits of SGRY how to genuine people (6.14)
- As per 87.08% of the non-beneficiaries, the beneficiaries, the beneficiaries of SGRY utilize the benefits properly (6.14)

## <u>Conclusion</u>

• The SGRY has not only provided additional wage employment to the sample beneficiaries but also one and more members of the family of some of the sample beneficiaries. This has, thus, supplemented their income as well as has improved their

nutrional level, through receipt of part wages in foodgrains. There has been emphasis on need based work programmes under SGRY, is evident by the fact that about 91.54% of created assets are being utilized. The scheme has also improved that quality of life of an overwhelming majority of the beneficiaries. It is because of this, about 98.41% of the beneficiaries; irrespective of the societal category they belong to, have pleaded that the scheme be continued in its present form.

- The scheme could however make an compressive impact of certain aspects are taken due account, these are
- Minimum wages under the scheme may be revised upward
- Annual Action Plans may be prepared well in time.
- Training programmes may be organized at the Block / District level on importing insight on the preparation of AAP and its importance under the SGRY.
- Sanctioned work programmes, particularly these addressed to physically challenged and persons belonging to socially disadvantaged groups should be taken up and completed during the year.
- There is a need to monitor progress of both financial expenditure and completion of works planned during the year.
- Social audit of all works need to be encouraged.
- Inventory of assets created under the scheme may be prepared and maintained at the G.P., Block and District level.
- Beneficiary Committee may be constituted for all the works taken up under SGRY.
- Awareness campaign be launched for SGRY
- Animators / Leaders / Facilitators may be identified for each work programme with specific work assignment.