A Study on the Socio Economic Upliftment of the Rural Poor Through National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in Thiruvananthapuram District

Interview Schedule

1. Personal Data
   1.1 Name of the member:
   1.2 Job card number
   1.3 Village
   1.4 Block name
   1.5 Age (completed years) (1)<-25 (2) 26-35 (3) 36-45 (4) 46->
   1.6 Religion (1) Hindu (2) Muslim (3) Christian (4) Others
   1.7 Sub-Caste (1) OC (2) BC (3) MBC (4) SC/ST
   1.8 Marital Status (1) Married (2) Unmarried (3) Widow (4) Divorce
      (5) Separated
   1.9 If married, no. of children
      | Major >18 | Minor<18 |
      | Boys      | Boys     |
      | Girls     | Girls    |
   1.10 Education (1) Illiterate (2) Primary (3) Middle Class
      (4) High School (5) Others

2. Family Data
   2.1 Type of family (1) Nuclear (2) Joint (3) Extended
   2.2 Total members of the family
   2.3 Is there any unemployed member in your family? 1) Yes 2) No
   2.4 If yes, have you tried to enrol them to MGNREGA? 1) Yes 2) No
   2.5 If no, why didn’t you try that?

3. About yourself
   3.1 Occupation before joining MGNREGA. 1) Agriculture 2) Business
      3) Self Employed 4) Daily wage earner 5) Un employed
   3.2 Name of the NREGA work currently involved in.
   3.3 Nature of the work that you do in MGNREGA.
      1) Rural connectivity 2) Flood control 3) Land development 4) Renovation of traditional water bodies 5) Other activities approved by MRD
3.4. Reason for shifting from your previous job to MGNREGA.
   1) Difficult nature of work 2) Less income 3) Non availability of work on all days 4) Ill treatment by boss 5) Others
3.5. Are you the only earning member of your family? 1) Yes 2) No
3.6. Is this a main source of income for you and your family? 1) Yes 2) No
3.7. If no, what is the alternative source? 1) Agriculture 2) Business 3) Animal husbandry 4) Daily wages 5) Others
3.8. When did you join MGNREGA?
3.9. How did you come to know about MGNREGA? 1) Media 2) Project officer 3) Friends 4) Village officials 5) Others

4. Financial empowerment
4.1. Monthly income that you used to earn in your previous job.
   (1) <500 (2) 500-1000 (3) 1000-1500 (4) 1500-2000 (5) >2000
4.2. What is your present monthly income?
   (1) <500 (2) 500-1000 (3) 1000-1500 (4) 1500-2000 (5) >2000
4.3. Did you have a bank account before joining MGNREGA? 1) Yes 2) No
4.4. If no, did you start the account after joining MGNREGA? 1) Yes 2) No
4.5. Is there any wage difference between MGNREGA wage and normal wage rate for unskilled labour in your area? 1) Yes 2) No
4.6. If yes, is the MGNREGA wage higher or lower? 1) Higher 2) Lower
4.7. Do you feel that the work that you are going will benefit the society? 1) Yes 2) No
4.8. Can you list some of the developments in infrastructure that has taken place in your village due to MGNREGA?
4.9. Are you in a position to save at least a fraction of the wage? 1) Yes 2) No
4.10. If yes, how much amount do you save?
    (1) <250 (2) 250-500 (3) 500-750 (4) 750-1000 (5) >1000
4.11. Total number of days involved in MGNREGA work per month.
    (1) <5 (2) 5-10 (3) 10-15 (4) 15-20 (5) >20

5. Feedback on MGNREGA
5.1. Do you get work every day? 1) Yes 2) No
5.2. Do you posses a MGNREGA job card? 1) Yes 2) No
5.3. Did you face any difficulty in getting the job card? 1) Yes 2) No
5.4. Do you feel that the salary payment is prompt? 1) Yes 2) No
5.5. Are you aware of the social audit system? 1) Yes 2) No
5.6. Has social audit been conducted for your works? 1) Yes 2) No
5.7. Does your work site have a muster roll? 1) Yes 2) No
5.8. Does the panchayath officials and district officials inspect your work site? 1) Yes 2) No
5.9. Has there been any situation of denial of work? 1) Yes 2) No
5.10. Has there been any instance of difficulty of getting the wage for the work that you have done? 1) Yes 2) No
5.11. What are the difficulties that you have faced in getting the wages? 1) delayed payment 2) Less than fixed amount 3) Commission 4) for less number of days 5) Others
5.12. Have you ever felt that you have been cheated or misused in the name of MGNREGA? 1) Yes 2) No
5.13. Do you sense the presence of middle men in the program? 1) Yes 2) No
5.14. Have you come across any malpractices in the implementation of this programme? 1) Yes 2) No
5.15. Does a hostile situation exist between the workers and the officials in your work site? 1) Yes 2) No
5.16. Do you get proper guidance and adequate help from the officials? 1) Yes 2) No
5.17. If no, what do you think is the reason for this? 1) official malpractices 2) Want to work with less number of workers 3) Wants to work with illiterates only 4) Others
5.18. Has there been any form of labour stir your work place? 1) Yes 2) No
5.19. What do you think is the most attractive feature of this program? 1) Regular job 2) Easy accessibility 3) Regular wage payment 4) No malpractices 5) Others
5.20. Does the panchayath provide you with the basic and necessary tools and machinery for the successful completion of the work? 1) Yes 2) No
5.21. Are you aware of the corruption that is taking place in your work site? 1) Yes 2) No
5.22. Have you come across any malpractices in the implementation of this program? 1) Yes 2) No
5.23. Do you take any precautions in your work site in order to prevent corruption of various kinds? 1) Yes 2) No

5.24. Do the workers have any role in the planning and operation of the work in your panchayath? 1) Yes 2) No

5.25. Do you get same wage for all jobs or different wage for different works? 1) Same wage 2) Different wages

5.26. Have you felt any discrimination is prevalent in the allotment of works? 1) Yes 2) No

5.27. What is the distance of work site from your residence? 1) <2KM 2) 2 to 3 Km 3) 3 to 4km 4) 5 to 5 Km 5) >5Km

5.28. Are you aware of the unemployment allowance that you are eligible for under this program? 1) Yes 2) No

5.29. If yes, have you ever claimed the unemployment allowance? 1) Yes 2) No

5.30. Do you have decent working conditions like rest rooms, drinking water etc? 1) Yes 2) No

5.31. Do you feel that the wages that you get is adequate for the work that you do? 1) Yes 2) No

5.32. Are you taking up any other job when MGNREGA work is not available? 1) Yes 2) No

5.33. Do you feel that the wage that you get is adequate for the work that you do? 1) Yes 2) No

5.34. Was there any difficulty in getting enrolled in the MGNREGA? 1) Yes 2) No

5.35. If yes, what was the problem that you came across? 1) Delayed response 2) Bribe 3) Unpleasant attitude 4) Lack of forms 5) Others

5.36. How many hours do you work a day? 1) <5hrs 2) 5-6Hrs 3) 6-7Hrs 4) 7-8Hrs 5) >8Hrs

5.37. Do you feel that the wage that you get is adequate for the work that you do? 1) Yes 2) No
6. **Self Empowerment**

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7. **What are your suggestions for the improvement of the MGNREGA.**