

Analysis of Physical and Financial Progress of MGNREGA in Haryana

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ABSTRACT:

The study was conducted to track the physical and financial progress of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in Haryana. According to the data, the number of households providing employment and job card holders under MGNREGA expanded quickly between 2018 and 2022. The findings indisputably demonstrated that the number of job seekers under this flagship programme increased during the process of giving employment cards to rural families. According to the findings, marginalized groups of society, like as women, increased their involvement in the MGNREGA in Haryana from 2018-19 (50.5 percent) to 2022-23 (59.14 percent). The income of the scheme's participating households has been supplemented to a great extent. Currently, Haryana has the highest paid salary (Rs. 331) under the scheme of all Indian states. The amount available funds and total expenditure incurred under have fluctuated throughout time. Similarly, the percentage of expenditure to total money available has been increasing. Secondary data has been gathered from various articles, research papers, studies, journals, news sources, and online databases. According to the findings, MGNREGA has a favourable impact on rural employment generation and rural development.

Key Words: physical and financial progress, MGNREGA, Rural Development, Household.

I. INTRODUCTION

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) of 2005 is one such programme that promises both employment generation and inclusive growth by making one-third women's participation mandatory and giving equal wage rates to men and women. The Indian government implemented this scheme in 2005, creating new job opportunities for rural people by "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 work" according to the act (The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, No. 42 of 2005, 5th September, 2005). It truly creates a lot of job prospects, particularly in rural areas. This legislation ensures a job for every disadvantaged rural people and sets a basic income for everyone. MGNREGA not only increases job prospects, but it also appears to be an effective tool for poverty alleviation in rural India. MGNREGA boosts the household member's income and purchasing power who participated in scheme. Villagers are now able to meet their basic necessities after participating in the MGNREG programme. A comparison of the villager's status after MGNREGA indicates that it improves their socioeconomic condition and provides a higher standard of living.

The main objective of the study is to analyse the progress of the MGNREGA scheme in financial and physical aspects between the time periods of 2018-19 and 2022-23 in Haryana. In terms of physical and financial progress, as well as MGNREGA planning, several studies from various states were reviewed and analysed. The study's goal is to examine the financial and physical progress of MGNREGA in the state of Haryana.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Male-female intra-household relations are thus also defined by their disparate bargaining power, which is in turn determined by their disparate access to economic, political, and social resources. Apart from other factors, property ownership and access to paid employment outside the household boost a woman's bargaining power by providing her with a superior fallback position (Agarwal, B. 1997). A study conducted in 2010 and 2011 to assess the impact of MGNREGA implementation on two districts in the state of Haryana. They have chosen two districts, one

agriculturally advanced and one agriculturally backward. The primary goal of their research is to compare the job status, income, landholding size, herd size, and other assets of households in these two districts. They surveyed 60 farm families from each district and discovered a significant disparity in the extent of MGNREGA employment in both districts. They found that, despite a strong employment generation wing, MGNREGA has been unable to stem migration from rich countries (Ahuja, R. U., et al. 2011). The report assesses the performance of MGNREGA at the state level, as well as its impact on various agricultural streams and rural agriculture salaries. According to their comparison study, the MGNREGA system has not only directly benefited agricultural labourers, but it has also indirectly increased the Minimum Agricultural Wage Rate (MAWR). They have identified various improvement measures such as worker empowerment, connecting other development programmes, and looking for other possible jobs (Rengasamy, J. and Kumar, B.S. 2011). MGNREGA performance was investigated in Keota Mahwah village, Babhani block, Sonbhadra district, Uttar Pradesh. They conducted a survey on 100 MGNREGA beneficiaries, both male and female, using a structured interview schedule and discovered that the respondents are well aware of every aspect of the scheme, such as registration, job card, hundred days of work in a year, having a bank account, receiving payment from a bank, and so on. At the same time, they realised that the respondents' biggest complaint is delayed wage payment and access to bank accounts. Another notable conclusion is that the gram Pradhan played a critical role in disseminating information about the MGNREGA (Bishnoi, I. et.al. 2012). In the year 2012, they surveyed 250 people in the Rohtak area of Haryana using a semi-structured questionnaire. They analysed the data using a stratified random sampling technique. According to their research, MGNREGA involvement has resulted in a major improvement in the lives of rural women in terms of employment opportunities and revenue production (Arora, V. et.al, 2013). Analysis of physical and financial performance of MGNREGA in Haryana state with descriptive analysis shown that no. of household completed 100 days, no. of persondays generated among women & SC increasing rapidly (Kumar, P & Chahal, M. 2020).

III. DATA AND METHODOLOGY

Data source: This study mainly based on secondary data of the physical and financial from the official website The Mahatma Gandhi National

Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005 under the Ministry Of Rural Development, Government of India and Annual report of Ministry Of Rural Development. The current data was available till November 2022 of five year from 2018-19 to 2022-23.

Variables: This study descriptively analyse the data and further discussion the physical and financial aspects. The physical aspects includes total No. of Job Cards issued, total No. of Active Workers, percentage of SC worker against active workers, ST worker against active workers, Women persondays out of Total , Total No of HHs completed 100 Days of Wage Employment, Average days of employment provided per Household and Average Wage rate per day per person(Rs.)etc. whereas the financial aspects includes Total center release fund, Total Availability, Total Expenditure, Percentage Utilization , Wages, Material and skilled Wages, percentage of Material expenditure, Total Administrative Expenditure, Admin Exp(%), and .% payments generated within 15 days.

IV. ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Haryana state had established as the seventeenth state of India on 1st November 1966. The state earlier was comprised in the Punjab but get departed from it due to some political or language reasons. At that time Haryana, state was less developed and covers the smallest 1.37 percent geographical areas of India. The state is situated in the North-Western region of Indian Union with adjoining of 1/3 part of National Capital Region(NCR) of New Delhi .The state also touches the boundary of many states like Uttar Pradesh to East, Punjab to West, Himachal Pradesh to North and Rajasthan to south side.

MGNREGA in Haryana

The Indian constitution defines three levels of government: national, state, and local, which regulate and run the country's government structure. The 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts were passed by the government, establishing three levels of local administration: zila parishads, block smitis, and gramme panchayats. To make it easier to reach rural people, the MGNREGA Act was also implemented through Gram Panchayats. It was announced on September 7, 2005, for 200 rural areas in its first phase, which includes two Haryana districts, Mahendergarh and Sirsa, and went into effect on February 2, 2006. It was expanded to an additional 130 rural districts, including Ambala and Mewat, in 2007-08. With

effect from April 1, 2008, the remaining districts were notified under MGNREGA has evolved since then. It has been expanded to encompass the entire country, with the exclusion of regions with a 100 percent urban population. MGNREGA is a paradigm shift from prior wage employment

programmes in India's history, whether planned or implemented. MGNREGA is distinguished by the integration of natural resource management and livelihood generation approaches. Another distinguishing feature is its potential for women's empowerment in rural India.

Table: 1 Current status of MGNREGA in Haryana

Haryana State profile & MGNREGA status					
Total No. of Districts	22				
Total No. of Blocks	142				
Total No. of GPs	6,264				
I Job Card					
Total No. of Job Cards issued[In Lakhs]	125				
Total No. of Workers[In Lakhs]	21.86				
Total No. of Active Job Cards[In Lakhs]	6.19				
Total No. of Active Workers[In Lakhs]	9.23				
(i)SC worker against active workers[%]	46.2				
(ii)ST worker against active workers[%]	0				
II Progress					
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Approved Labour\] Budget[In Lakhs]	100	100	185	141	125
Persondays Generated so far[In Lakhs]	77.9	91.19	179.62	146.39	65.61
% of Total LB	77.9	91.19	97.09	103.83	52.49
% as per Proportionate LB					52.53
SC persondays % as of total persondays	45.58	42.14	36.54	42.67	51.73
ST persondays % as of total persondays	0.01	0	0	0	0
Women Persondays out of Total (%)	50.05	50.59	48.8	52.59	59.14
Average days of employment provided per Household	33.73	35.37	39.31	36.26	26.02
Average Wage rate per day per person(Rs.)	281.27	286.37	308.29	312.75	327.35
Total No of HHs completed 100 Days of Wage Employment	3,789	4,831	14,077	11,041	1,334
Total Households Worked[In Lakhs]	2.31	2.58	4.57	4.04	2.52
Total Individuals Worked[In Lakhs]	3.27	3.64	6.51	5.7	3.53

Differently abled persons worked	464	514	724	587	480
III Works					
Number of GPs with NIL exp	2,047	1,331	500	508	2,038
Total No. of Works Taken up (New + Spill Over)[In Lakhs]	0.26	0.29	0.43	0.42	0.27
Number of Ongoing Works[In Lakhs]	0.11	0.13	0.22	0.16	0.22
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Number of Completed Works	15,132	15,920	21,427	25,557	4,101
% of NRM Expenditure(Public + Individual)	57.81	61.36	52.04	64.07	78.84
% of Category B Works	46.45	20.76	34.43	27.59	28.61
% of Expenditure on Agriculture & Agriculture Allied Works	59.58	60.71	56.45	63.56	73.54
IV Financial Progress					
Total center Release	35625	34527	77667	66003.58	21902
Total Availability	40282	37582	83155	72132.52	30700
Percentage Utilization	91.33	103.02	96.52	98.15	100.47
Total Exp (Rs. in Lakhs.)	36,788.4	38,716.43	80,262.25	70,798.91	30,844.68
Wages (Rs. In Lakhs)	22,464.22	26,572.96	54,907.44	45,423.06	22,196.67
Material and skilled Wages (Rs. In Lakhs)	13,045.23	10,984.03	24,028.97	24,238.96	8,303.13
Material (%)	36.74	29.25	30.44	34.8	27.22
Total Adm Expenditure (Rs. in Lakhs.)	1,278.95	1,159.44	1,325.83	1,136.88	344.88
Admin Exp (%)	3.48	2.99	1.65	1.61	1.12
Average Cost Per Day Per Person (In Rs.)	369.72	346.67	406.69	411.94	395.49
% of Total Expenditure through EFMS	99.71	99.65	99.85	99.81	99.95
% payments generated within 15 days	89.26	95.44	99.57	99.85	95.93

Source: www.nrega.nic.in

Physical progress: In order to analyse the better performance of the MGNREGA scheme, some physical variables such as persondays generated percentage and their share in vulnerable sections of society such as women, SC, and ST are required, as well as average days of employment provided per

household and average wage rate per day per person (Rs.); total number of House Holds that have completed 100 days of wage employment; total household workers (in lakhs); and total individual works. Now analyse each above variable separately and discuss their results.

Persondays generated & share of Marginalized group In the financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20, the number of person days generated was 77.9 lakh and 91.19 lakh, respectively, and in 2021-22, it increased to 146.39 lakh, which showed the

MGNREGA scheme's positive sides. This consistency will also be seen in the upcoming years, as the data for 2022-23 shows only half-year data (65.61). It will surely increase at the end of the financial year.

Figure: 1 of Persondays generated (in Lakh)

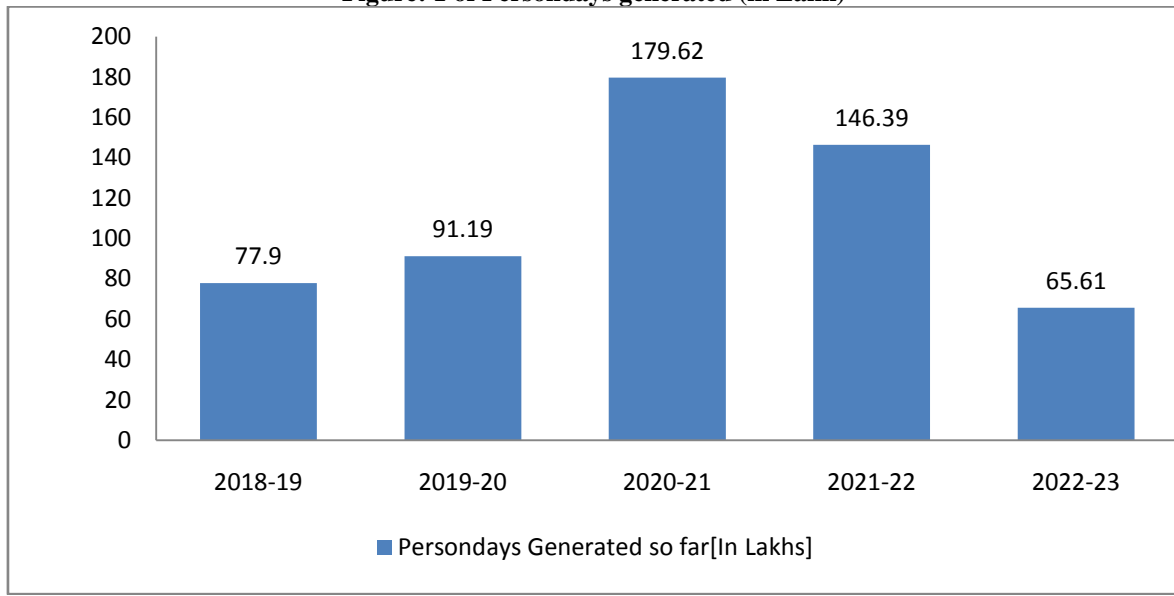
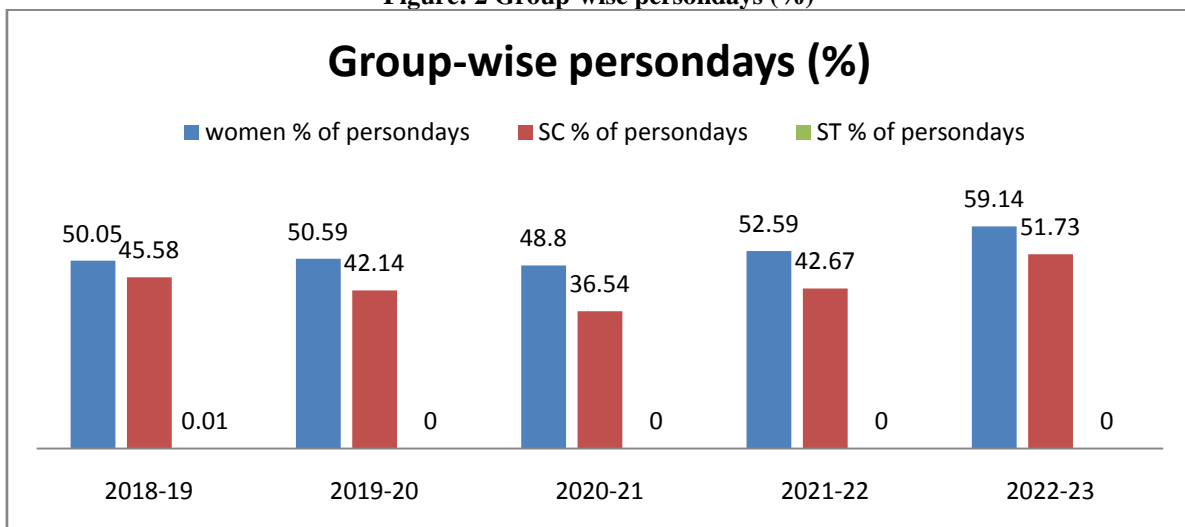


Figure: 2 Group-wise persondays (%)

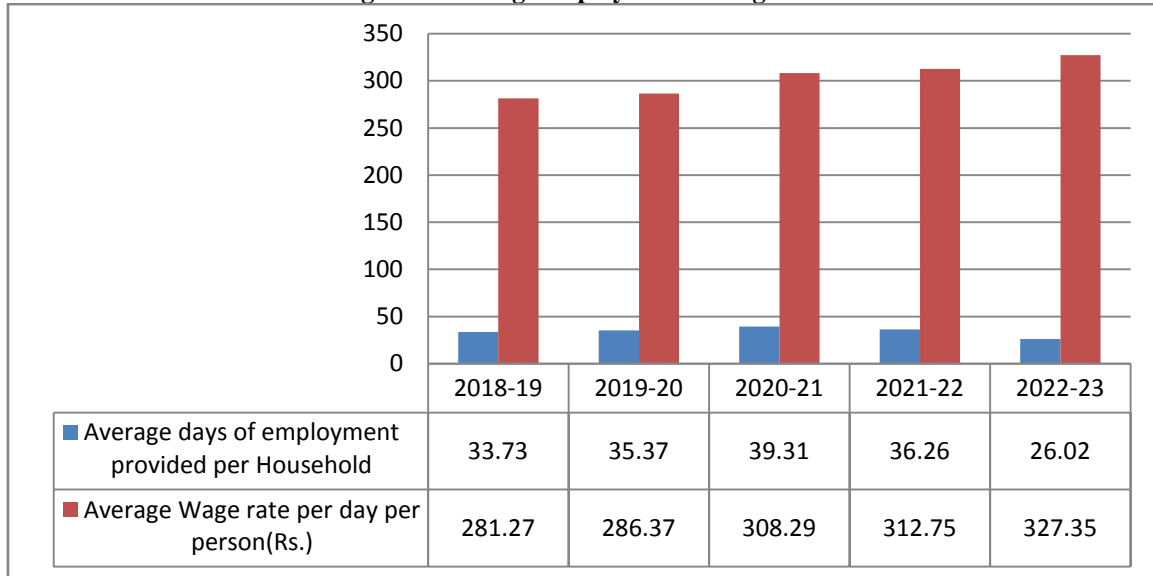


In Figure 2, the fiscal year 2018-19 recorded total persondays generated (lakh) shared among marginal groups, with women accounting for 50.05 percent, ST accounting for 0.01 percent, and SC accounting for 45.58 percent. Women

accounted for 59.14 percent of total persondays in Haryana between 2022 and 2033, while SC accounted for 51.73 percent. Because of the state's small population, the ST category had no representation.

Average day of employment provided to household & wage rate

Figure: 3 average employment & wage rate

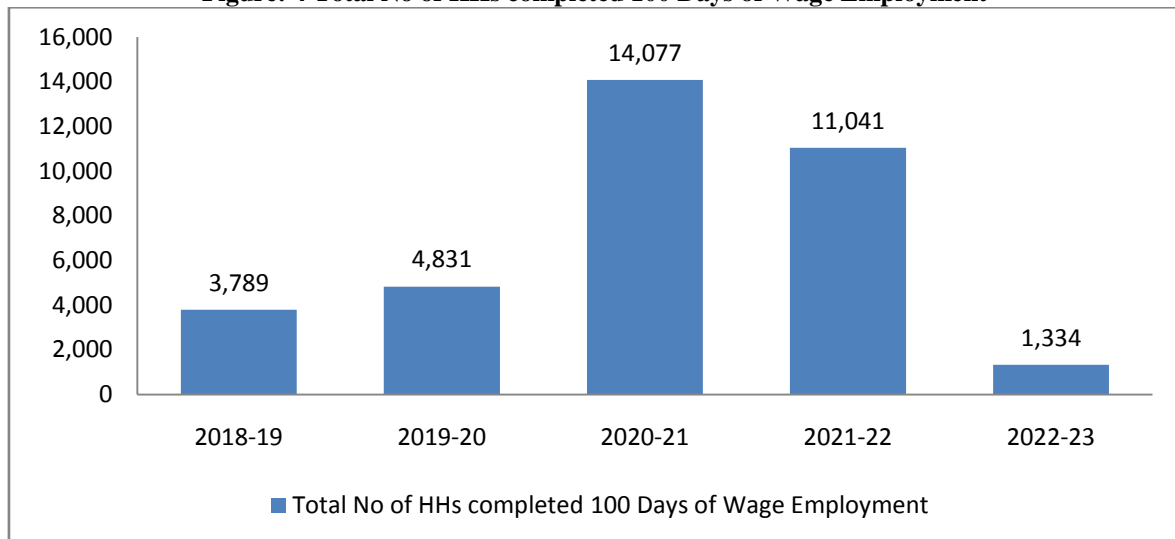


In Figure 3, the average number of days of employment provided per household shows an increasing trend from 2018–19 to 2020–21, respectively, of 33.73 to 39.31 days, but this trend started decreasing by 26.02 days in 2022–23 due to

the effects of COVID–19. Besides that, the average wage rate per day per person (Rs.) has tremendously increased from fiscal year 2018-19, which recorded Rs. 281.27, to fiscal year 2022-23, which has Rs. 327.35.

Households completed 100 days

Figure: 4 Total No of HHs completed 100 Days of Wage Employment

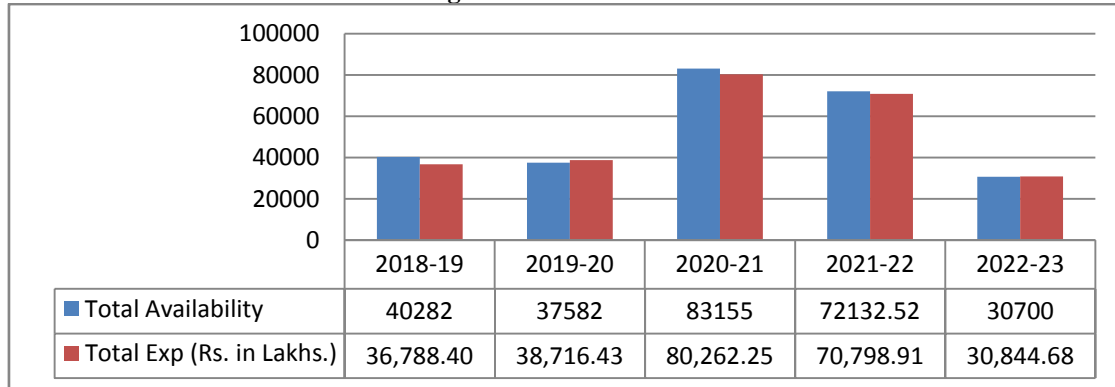


In figure 4, data reflects the mixture trends of total no. of households completed 100 days work in a financial year. In which 2018-19 to 2020-21 shows increasing trend from 3,789 household increased 14,077 whereas, after 2021-22 it was declined from 11,041 household.

Financial progress: In order to analyse the better performance of the MGNREGA scheme, some financial variables such as Percentage Utilization, Total Exp (Rs. in Lakhs.) distributed among Wages (Rs. In Lakhs) & Material and skilled Wages (Rs. In Lakhs)

Total Availability of Funds and Expenditure

Figure: 5 fund utilization



MGNREGA is the flagship programme of the central government, and this scheme is funded by them in every financial budget. It is clear from Table 5 that available funds increasing in the financial years 2018–19 to 2021–22 were Rs.

40,282 lakh and Rs. 72,132 lakh, respectively, while expenditures incurred during those years were Rs. 36788.4 lakh and Rs. 70,798 lakh. This figure shows a smaller gap between available funds and scheme expenditure.

Table: 2 total expenditure

Year	(1) + (2) = Total Expenditure		
	Wages (Rs. In Lakhs) (1)	Material and skilled Wages (Rs. In Lakhs)(2)	Total Exp (Rs. in Lakhs.)
2018-19	22,464.22	13,045.23	36,788.4
2019-20	26,572.96	10,984.03	38,716.43
2020-21	54,907.44	24,028.97	80,262.25
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Figure: 6 Total Expenditure

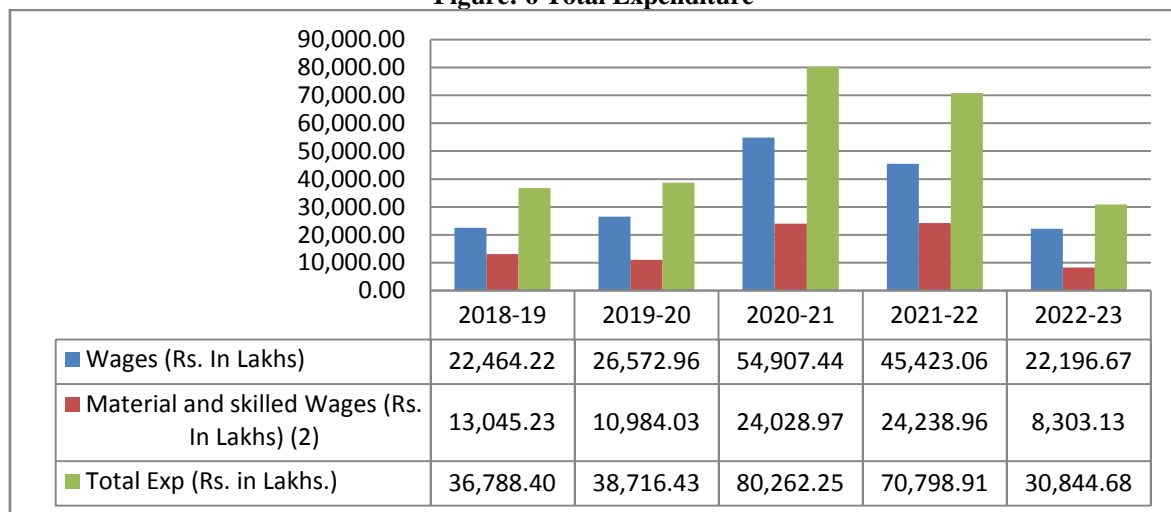


Figure 6 depicts the total expenditure of available funds on employment wages as well as material and skill-based wages. In 2018-19, the majority of wage expenditure was Rs 22,464 and skilled wages were Rs 13,045.23 lakh. Total expenditure data show a mixed trend, with a 10% decline rate projected for 2021-22.

V. RESULT DISCUSSION

The study used data from five fiscal years in the state of Haryana. MGNREGA has covered 22 districts, 142 blocks, and 6,264 Gram Panchayats, with 125 lakh household job cards issued, 9.23 lakh of whom are active workers from the state of Haryana. Women's person days as a percentage of total days were 50.59 in 2019-20 and increased to 59.14 percent in 2022-23, while the SC share is at its highest in 2022-23 at 51.73 percent. The total number of households with 100 days of wage employment has decreased from 3,789 in 2018-29 to 1,334 in 2022-23. In Haryana, the average daily wage per person was Rs. 281.27 in 2018-19, and it is expected to rise to Rs. 327.35 by the end of 2022-23. Furthermore, in 2018-19, the total fund availability is 40,282 lakhs, while actual expenditure is 36,788.4 lakhs. In 2021-22, it increased in both aspects, with Rs. 72132.52 lakh and Rs. 70798.91 lakh, respectively.

VI. CONCLUSION

MGNREGA has been introduced in the state since 2006 in order to reduce poverty and unemployment by giving each rural household with a legally guaranteed 100 days of employment. However, analysing the physical and financial progress, it was discovered that Haryana's performance in giving supplementary employment to rural people was satisfactory, given the state's rural poverty and unemployment rates. The success of MGNREGA is dependent on enabling workers in rural areas to receive their Act entitlements as well as to leverage resources provided by the Scheme to access rural development opportunities through other programmes, allowing them to transition from wage employment to sustainable livelihood. The purpose of the research was to look into the physical and financial progress of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in Haryana. The results revealed that the number of families receiving jobs under MGNREGA expanded considerably over the 2022-23 period. The overall available fund in 2018-19 was Rs.40, 242 lakh, while the available fund in 2021-22 was Rs. 72132.52 lakh. The proportion of expenditure to total money available has risen. In 2022-23, 125

lakh employment cards will be issued. The findings conclusively demonstrated that the number of job seekers under this plan increased throughout the study period. The findings show that women are increasingly participating in the MGNREGA scheme.

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