

Draft Resolution to demand restore and enrich MGNREGA

To,

Srimati Droupadi Murmu,

President of India

Rashtrapati Bhawan,

New Delhi

(Submitted through the Gram Sabha being held on 26th December 2025 across India)

We, on behalf of the 26.57 crore registered workers under the historical MGNREGA Scheme across India demands the President of India with full conviction to restore and enrich the historical Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee MGNREG Act- by repealing the Vikasit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajivika Mission (Gramin) VB-GRAMG Act.

1. We reject the VB-GRAMG Act since it negates the 'statutory right to employment to all the rural households demanding work' as assured in the MGNREG Act. It reverses the core principle of MGNREGA by shifting from a demand –driven framework, where funds follow demand, to a more centralised, supply- driven model in which demand is forced to fit within a predetermined budget. It directly empowers the Union Government to arbitrarily determine the amount of funds allocated to each state, which in turn dictates the number of days of employment that can be generated there.
2. We reject the clauses of the VB-GRAMG Act that enable the Union Government to generate work based on pre-approved "Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans" and "Normative Allocations", rather than whenever a worker demands work.
3. We consider the VB-GRAMG Act as a betrayal of the workers by the Union Government since it replaces the open - ended funding under MGNREGA with a budget-capped model as the Budget funds run out, workers will be denied of their statutory right to employment.
4. Under the MGNREGA, the Union Government provides 100% of unskilled wage costs. The VB-GRAMG Act stipulated the State Governments bear 40% of the total cost. This will have an impact on all

states especially the states that have high poverty and low revenue leading to fewer work opportunities in the regions that need them most.

5. The VB-GRAMG Act forces a mandatory 60-day suspension of public works during peak sowing and harvesting seasons thus forcing landless labourers to work for private landlords at potentially lower wages, removing the “wage floor” protection MGNREGA provided year-round. We consider this as a betrayal of our statutory right to work and attack on the rural workers and peasants’ right to bargaining for better wages.

6. The VB-GRAMG Act centralises the power upon the union Government over the state governments and local bodies against federal rights of the states - a basic feature of the constitution. It makes all the local works align with a national infrastructure database, which will limit the flexibility of the local body institutions to address unique, immediate local needs.

7. We consider the removal of the name of the father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, as an insult to the great tradition of the people’s struggle for independence against British colonial rulers and as a political move to erase the legacy of the historical 2005 law of MGNREGA. Hence we strongly reject it.

8. We demand to enrich the MGNREGA, enhance to 200 days of work, minimum wage not below Rs.700/ day, individual entitlements, daily or weekly payments with no delays, gram sabha for monitoring and planning and linking MGNREGS with agriculture and allied sectors to end agrarian crisis, rural indebtedness, distress migration and peasant suicides.

In anticipation of favourable, timely action

With regards,

Signed by

Registered workers under MGNREGS-

Name of the Panchayath

State

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The Union Government directly calling Gram Sabha without consulting the state governments exposes the degree of centralization that violates the federal rights of the state and principles of cooperative federalism being followed during the earlier regimes. SKM strongly denounces such authoritarian tendencies of the NDA government.

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