

**Need to ensure daily payment of wages to the job card holders under
MGNREGA-laid**

SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI (NABARANGPUR): It is observed that payment to the Job Card holders under MGNREGA is getting delayed by 15 days to years in some cases. MGNREGA scheme was initiated with the objective to provide sufficient man-days of works during off season to enhance income of the poor families as well as to stop migration. Due to its poor payment cycle, daily wage earners are preferring to move out of their villages/districts/states with a hope to get timely payment. In course of time these poor labourers are getting exploited at their places of works with marginal income or not getting payment at all. To overcome these difficulties, all the stakeholders were consulted and almost all were of unanimity that migration can be almost stopped if payment under MGNREGA is made on daily basis. However, these also do not seem to be easy as at times there is no fund in the accounts under MGNREGA scheme. The present guidelines do not permit corpus fund by the State Governments. Therefore, the Hon?ble Minister is requested to ensure daily payment to the labourers by upgrading the technical systems and ensure adequate fund in the MGNREGA accounts.