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Rejoinder

Rejoinder against the published news viz. "Tripura Congress Urges State Government to Ensure Wage Payment and Rural Employment Ahead of Durga puja", in Tripurainfo.com on 23rd September 2025.

The published news in Tripurainfo.com dated 23rd September, 2025, titled "Tripura Congress Urges State Government to Ensure Wage Payment and Rural Employment Ahead of Durga puja", has attracted the attention of the Rural Development Department of the State. Upon thorough analysis, the Department finds the news to be misleading and full of several misinformation. Therefore, the following clarification is issued by the department of Rural Development, Govt. of Tripura: -

MGNREGA is a demand-driven programme, with provision of wage employment upto 100 days in a year for the rural families (150 days for ROFR Patta holders) within 15 days of demand, a practice that is strictly followed in the State. In the financial year 2024-25, the Ministry approved a labour budget of 3 crore mandays, but the State generated 3 crore 53 lakh mandays based on the demand from the workers. The average person-days generated per household in the state was 60, compared to the national average of 50, placing Tripura in the 7th position nationwide in terms of average person-days generation. However, Government of India provided additional fund to State, as per norm for payment to the MGNREGA workers.

At the beginning of the current financial year, the Ministry approved 3 crore 50 lakh mandays for Tripura. As of 23rd September 2025, the state has already generated 1 crore 66 lakh mandays, with an average of 30 person-days per household. The central government has already released Rs. 548 crore 18 lakh as wage fund under the scheme in the current financial year. The total expenditure under MGNREGA in the State, as of 23rd September, 2025 is Rs. 487 crore 73 lakh for generating wage employment.

Hence, from the given information it is clear that there is no dearth of fund for providing more wage employment based on demand from the workers & clearing any pending dues with respect to wage payment under MGNREGA. Further, the Ministry also usually provides additional wage fund if the allocated labour budget is exceeded based on the demand of the MGNREGA workers.
