

Chapter –VIII Miscellaneous/other interesting points

8.1 Unspent balances of SGRY/NFFWP and cost of unutilised grain not transferred to MGNREGS account

Consequent upon the closure of Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana (SGRY) and National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) schemes, their balance amount was to be transferred to MGNREGS accounts on or before 31.08.07 vide instruction contained in government letter (August 2007). Further, *kuchha* works were to be transferred to MGNREGS and separate demand for fund was to be submitted to the Government for completion of incomplete *pucca* works on the day of closure of the scheme.

Scrutiny of records revealed that in 12 districts²⁴, an unspent amount of ₹ 21.48 crore of SGRY and NFFWP was not transferred to NREGS account and a total number of 1127 incomplete *pucca* works of SGRY scheme remained incomplete. No step was taken for successful closure of these incomplete works. **(Annexure-LV)** Further, there was unutilised grains costing ₹ 83.15 crore with 3830 Public Distribution System (PDS) dealers in 14 districts²⁵. Against realisable amount of ₹ 83.15 crore, only ₹ 5.79 crore was realised and balance of ₹ 77.36 crore remained unrealised from PDS dealers **(Annexure-LVI)**. Thus, ₹ 77.36 crore could not be transferred to MGNREGS accounts.

Further, a sum of ₹ 1.52 crore was received in Aurangabad during 2005-06 as Central share for handling and transporting of grains of SGRY. Out of this fund, ₹ 50 lakh was paid to District Manager, State Food Corporation and balance amounting to ₹1.02 crore remained unutilised in DRDA account. Thus, the planning of the government to utilise of grain as one of the wage component was not served and non transfer of unspent balance into MGNREGS account resulted in less creation of 66.63 lakh mandays.

The State Government replied that direction had already been issued for transfer of unspent grant and cost of grains of SGRY scheme to MGNREGS account whereas district authorities had stated that FIR had been lodged against 125 dealers and certificate case was initiated against 721 PDS dealers at fault.

8.2 Diversion of Specific Grants

As per instructions contained in Government letter (March 2008), the amount of grant made available for completion of incomplete *pucca* works of SGRY was to be utilised only for the assigned works and unspent balance if any, was necessarily to be refunded to the Government. Scrutiny revealed that specific grant amounting to ₹10.47 crore was received by eight districts. Out of this, ₹ 2.41 crore was diverted for execution of works

²⁴ Araria, Begusarai, Bhabhua, Bhojpur, Darbhanga, Jehanabad, Madhubani, Munger, Muzaffarpur, Nalanda, Sitamarhi and West Champaran

²⁵ All test checked districts except Bhabhua

under MGNREGS in four districts²⁶ and ₹ 3.29 crore remained unutilised with rest four districts²⁷. It was replied by all the four districts that the fund was transferred to MGNREGS account as execution of work with old estimate was not possible.

Lack of proper monitoring of the incomplete works caused failure of plan to complete the 1127 incomplete works of SGRY and intended benefits of scheme could not be achieved in respect of creation of durable assets and grass root level beneficiaries were deprived of the benefit of the grants (**Annexure-LVII**).

²⁶ Araria ,Begusarai ,Bhojpur and Madhubani,

²⁷Darbhangha Munger, Nalanda, West Champaran