Ready to work for 200 days, can’t get even 100

NO GUARANTEE For rural working class, NREGS gives hope; jobs for 100 days or allowance. When neither comes, as in many villages, tough questions need answers

Despite shortcomings in its implementation, NREGS offers hope and dignity of work to rural labour, especially women.

STAFF NREGA: The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) for providing employment to rural people was passed by Parliament in 2005, and is expected to cover 300 million people in the country. The act guarantees 100 days of work to a rural household in a year, with wages based on the minimum wage rates. The act includes provisions for protecting workers from exploitation, ensuring access to public services, and promoting sustainable development. However, implementation has faced several challenges, including delays in payment, low wages, and irregularities in the work done. Despite these issues, the act has been successful in providing employment to millions of rural people and improving their livelihoods.