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CHAPTER 11 SOCIAL AUDIT OF MAHATMA GANDHI NATIONAL RURAL EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE SCHEME (MGNREGS) - A LITERATURE REVIEW

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Abstract

The Government of India has launched National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) - a flagship program - in 2005 with an aim to provide employment in rural areas for better upbringing of the lives of the poor which further renamed as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in 2009. The National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) ensures at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment per year to every rural household whose adult member volunteers to do unskilled manual work. Section 17 of MGNREGA mandates social audit of all works executed under the scheme. The social audit especially looks after the social and ethical objectives through consultation of stakeholders, beneficiaries and community members verifying the information obtained through documents & physical evidence. The present study aims to provide a general review of studies conducted in the field of social audit in MGNREGS since its inception to the present time. The study may be useful for various stakeholders including concerned individuals, scholars, researchers and policymakers. The paper also investigates the prevalence of political involvement in enforcing social audit under the MGNREGS.

1. INTRODUCTION

Social audit is a way of measuring, understanding, reporting and ultimately improving an organisation's social and ethical performance. The term "social audit" was first coined during the 1950s. The Government of India has

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