

MNREGA Program Asset Selection:

A Leaflet Providing Women
Information on How to Participate
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Caption: Women building a pond to assist in farming and water storage in
Madhya Pradesh

MGNREGA ASSETS

Odisha



Did you know?

- All **MGNREGA** workers, that is, those who have a Job Card, have a right to participate in the Gram Sabha, Palli Sabha or Ward Sabha and collectively propose the works and the order of priority to be taken up under MGNREGA for their Panchayat.



- You can request individual or community works under the MGNREGA. Individual works are only for your household. Community works can serve multiple households, the whole village, or multiple members of your self-help group.

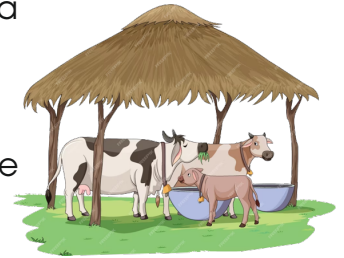
Participating allows your voice to be heard and counted!



Which assets can you choose?

Many types! The government has identified a list of works that are allowed under the Act.

- Some assets are declared by the Government as priority for 2023-24. For this year, assets related to natural resource management, agriculture and livelihoods works on individual land and livestock shelters for individual households are priority.
- You can check what is allowed with government officials (Gram Rozgaar Sewak (GRS)/Sarpanch) or Odisha government.
- Assets that have been created in your area so far include roads, community ponds, individual nurseries, land development works like land leveling and clearing, dug wells, farm ponds, goat shelters, horticulture plantations, and aquaculture, among others.





Who is preferred for individual works?

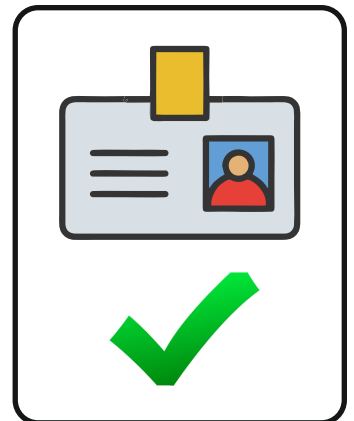
The following households are preferred for individual assets on land or homesteads:

- Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, nomadic and de-notified tribes.
- BPL households, women, or households headed by the physically handicapped.
- Land reform beneficiaries, beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin, beneficiaries under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006
- Small and medium farmers with less than 5 acres of land, landless and manual casual labour households.



So long as...

- Their household has a job card.
- At least one household member is willing to work on the project undertaken on their land or homestead.





When can you request assets?

The process kickstarts from October 2!

The Government has suggested that the Gram Panchayat level discussion and planning by ward/palli/Gram Sabha start on Gandhi Jayanti and continue over the **next three months**.

- Requests for assets can be raised at the ward /palli sabha.
- Special Gram Sabha for approval of the Gram Panchayat level annual action plan usually happens between **October 3rd** and **November 30th**.
- The Gram Panchayat has to submit the GP level plan to the Block Panchayat by **December 5th**.
- Timelines might be delayed this year due to the sarpanch strike – check with your sarpanch or Gram Rozgaar Sewak (GRS).
- For more information, speak to your GRS, ward members or panchayat members!



This process happens every year. If you don't have an idea for this year, please consider an asset for next year!