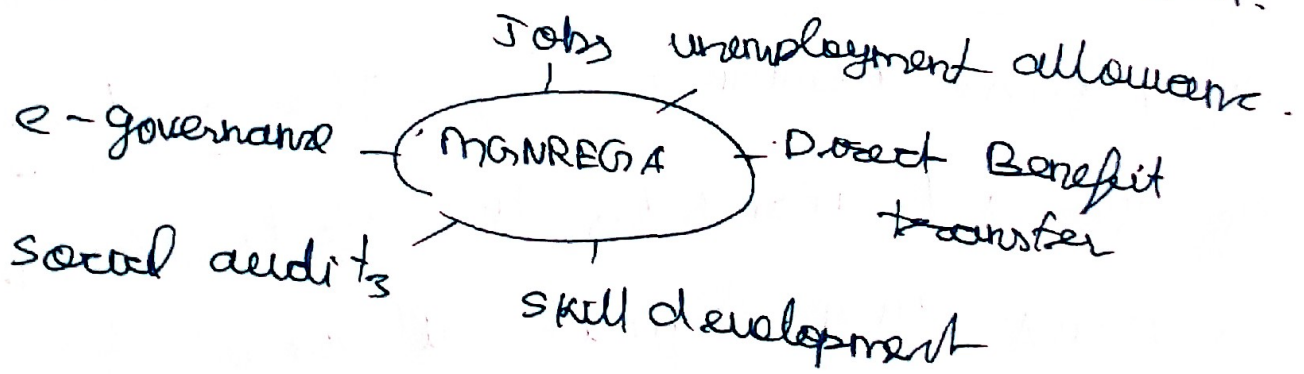


4 Evaluate the perf. of MGNREGS. Has the scheme really helped job seekers receive the unemployment benefits? Justify your stand. G.

The MGNREGA - social employment guarantee act aims to provide 100 days of wage employment for the unskilled manual workers. It fulfils the constitutional mandate of Article 41 and 43.

The performance of the scheme has been fruitful with some speed breacher.



① Jobs the act generated 11.37 crore jobs and 289 crore person days since December 2022.

② DBT - 94% of wage seekers obtain their wages through banks / post offices.

③ e-governance - the Yubhoddhara portal enables the GIS planning of the scheme and secure portal - for external as and approval has been implemented by 27 states.

④ Skill development under UNNATI has been given to more than 27,000 workers.

Speedbreakers such as unemployment allowance and social audits remain.

Unemployment allowance - The Section (7) of the act mandates the states government to grant unemployment allowance if wages are not paid within 15 days

The latest report by Rural development ministry tells that only 3% of workers get unemployment allowances. This can hamper the rural infrastructure development schemes such as Awas Yojana

second The Remedies - The budgetary
allocation must be increased by the
states. The menace of fake job cards
are the main reasons for reduced
allowances. Fake job cards elimination drive
can be a way forward.

Moving from CPI-Agriculture labour
to Rural labour inflation ~~under~~ linked
indices that captures real wages of
workers. The revision of base years
and base rate can also reverse the
trend.

Future As, social audits are ~~just~~
available for just 41% of gram panchayats
and unemployment allowance at 3%. Budget
council is quoted as key. The 16th
Finance Commission can factor these case
~~and~~ under its devolution scheme.