

NREGA IN HIMACHAL: Selected Survey Findings*

	Himachal	Orissa	Assessment (with reference to Himachal Pradesh)
<p><i>Proportion of sample worksites where “few” or “none” of the labourers were aware of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>NREGA being in force</i> • <i>Right to apply for work</i> • <i>Right to unemployment allowance</i> • <i>Right to minimum wage</i> • <i>Mandatory worksite facilities</i> 	<p>0%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>92%</p> <p>17%</p> <p>100%</p>	<p>31%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>90%</p> <p>55%</p> <p>93%</p>	<p>Awareness levels are low.</p>
<p><i>Did most labourers at this worksite get employed in response to an application for work?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Yes</i> • <i>No</i> 	<p>44%</p> <p>56%</p>	<p>7%</p> <p>93%</p>	<p>The application process is not in place.</p>
<p><i>Proportion of sample worksites where wages had been paid within 15 days</i></p>	<p>82%</p>	<p>41%</p>	<p>Wages are paid on time, in most cases.</p>
<p><i>Proportion of worksites where:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“All” or “most” labourers earned the minimum wage</i> • <i>“Very few” or “none” of the labourers earned the minimum wage</i> 	<p>82%</p> <p>18%</p>	<p>48%</p> <p>41%</p>	<p>Minimum wages are paid, in most cases.</p>

* The HP survey was conducted in 12 worksites of Kangra and Sirmour Districts (see text). The small size of the sample should be borne in mind while reading the table. To put these figures in perspective, the table also presents the findings of a similar survey conducted in three districts of Orissa (Bolangir, Boudh and Kalahandi) in October 2007; for further details, see Drèze, Khera and Siddhartha (2007).

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<i>Proportion of worksites that had:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Drinking water</i> • <i>First-aid kit</i> • <i>Child care facility</i> 	42% 0% 0%	39% 7% 3%	Mandatory worksite facilities are absent.
<i>Proportion of sample worksites:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>With an information board</i> • <i>Where muster rolls were available on site</i> • <i>With a vigilance committee</i> 	16% 18% 33%	59% n/a 56%	Transparency safeguards have been neglected.
<i>Proportion of worksites where evidence of contractor involvement was found:</i>	10%	56%	Contractors have gone.
<i>Economic usefulness of the work, in the assessment of survey team:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Very useful” or “quite useful” • “Not particularly useful” • “Useless” 	91% 0% 9%	59% 37% 4%	Most NREGA works are useful.
<i>Proportion of sample GPs that had a shelf of projects:</i>	100%	46%	There is a good potential for participatory planning.
<i>Proportion of sample worksites that were selected from a shelf of projects:</i>	91%	30%	