

Analysis of Poverty Alleviation Programm in Doda District of Jammu and Kashmir

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Abstract :-

The paper has analyzed the Analysis of Poverty alleviation Programme in Doda District of Jammu and Kashmir. According to the revised estimates of Poverty conducted by the World Bank India has reduced Poverty rate to 12.4% from the 2011-12 estimate of 21%. World Bank has arrived at the figure by using expenditure cut- off of \$ 1.9 a person a day. Over the last decade Poverty has witnessed a consistent decline with level dropping from 37.2% in 2004-05 to 29.8% in 2009-10. The Poverty level is not uniform across the India, The Poverty level is below 10 % in state like Delhi Goa and Punjab Whereas it is below(50 %) in Bihar(43)and Orissa (47%).

In J&K as per below Poverty line survey conducted by directorate of economics and statistics, the below Poverty line statistics was approximately 24.21 Lakh soul (mean 4.17 lakh families lives below poverty line in twenty two district)

In Doda District where the study area is chosen 29.07% people live below poverty line.

Introduction :-

Doda, which is endowed with vast wealth of natural beauty and resources in Jammu and Kashmir. The District has a good potential for tourism including pilgrims and adventure. Tourism is owing to its captivating Scenic Splendour pilgrim centre and lofty mountain peaks.

Mountain of archaeological Importance in the district including a fort at Bhaderwah. The main resources which are found in district are as under:-

1. The District is known for its rich mineral deposits like Lead, Mica, Gypsum, Manganese, Marble, Graphite, Copper etc.
2. The Blanket of Bhaderwah is famous in J&K state.
3. Saffron and Zeera of Tehsil Kishtwar are a special variety in district.
4. Wild Mushrooms are also special variety in Doda District

Despite these resources & vast wealth of natural beauty the incidence of poverty is very high, People in many rural areas live in extreme Poverty neglected from all accepted indicators of development which include literacy, Mortality rate, Infant Mortality rate, Unemployment and nutritional status like Poverty hunger etc., it is the bottom ladder in the state.

Both Micro & Macro studies witnessed that Incidence of poverty is quite worrying in Doda district, Which contain Eight Block according to 2001 census Bhagwa ,Assar , Doda , Gundana, Marmat, Bhaderwah, Gandoh & Thatri.

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The Present study is initiated with a view to study present status of Poverty alleviation Programmes which are run in Doda District to eliminated both Rural and Urban Poverty. The Indian Govt named Doda as one of country's 250 most backward district. It is one of the District of J&K currently receiving funds from backward region Grant fund (BRGF) in spite of the huge resources Doda is Lowest on the ladder of development indicators.

According to BPL Survey of 2002-07 nearly 30.67% in rural and 7.16 % urban areas family live below Poverty line. The combined percentage of Population living below poverty line is 29.07% and it is fact that most people of Doda District are either small on marginal farmer with less than 1 hectore land of farm land . The Agriculture of Doda District is gamble of monsoon.

In many cases, the Poverty Perpetuated in Doda district by exclusion from decision making and lack of participation in political process and in business and cultural affair.

As per BPL Survey conducted by directorate of Economics and Statistics of J&K the BPL status in 2008 -09 was approximately 24.21 lakh soul (Mean 4.17 lakh families) Lives under BPL in 22 district of state . Under this census Doda district ranks on 5th most poorest district in J&K with 1,02,712 soul in rural areas and 17,694 soul in urban areas fall under Below Poverty Line .

Objective :-

The main objective of this paper is to find out the Poverty Scenario of Doda district and to formulate the strategy to remove Poverty from Doda district of J&K and to highlight the preventive measure in order to control the incidence of Poverty in Doda District of J&K.

Methodology:-

This study is based on the secondary data collected from various departments like rural development block of doda district. The data which we present cover the all blocks of doda district.

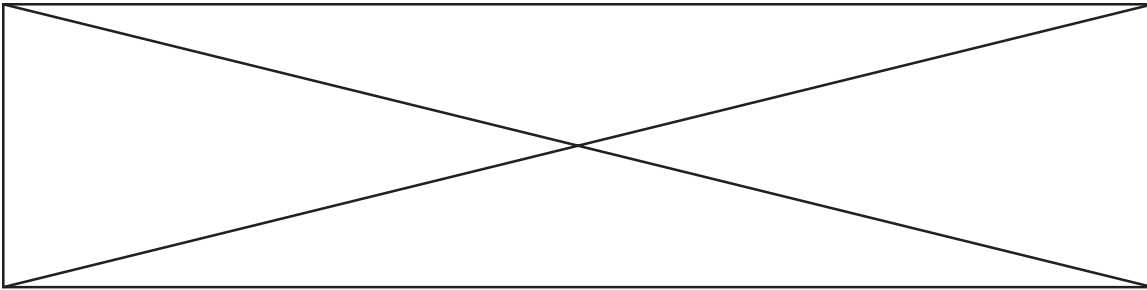
Government scheme for rural employment generation in doda districts

To enhance income and eradicate poverty from doda district, the central government introduce the following schemes.

1. JAWAHAR ROZGAR YOJANA/JAWAHAR GRAM SAMRIDHI YOJANA:- The JGSY is reconstructed streamlined version of erstwhile JRY .This Poverty alleviation Programmes started from 1 April 1999 . Under this scheme more & more benefit is given to Below Poverty Line families and fund was to be spent for individual beneficiary scheme for scs and sts and 3 %for establishment of barrier free infrastrure for disabled people. The Panchayat in the village is the main governing bodies of this Programme. Under this scheme Rs 1841.50 Crore was used and they had target of 8.75 lakh workers 5.07 lakh works completed during 1999-2000.

2. Rural Indira Awaas Yojana (Initiated in 1985) :- Now a days , IAY name change into Pardhan Mantri Awass Yojana is a social welfare flagship programme created by Indian Government to provide housing for all by 2022 .This Scheme was launched in 1985, to provides subsidies and cash assistance to the people to construct their houses themselves . Indira Awaas Yojana was subsumed in Jawahar Rozgan Yojana (JRY) in 1989 and has been acting as an Independent scheme since 1996.

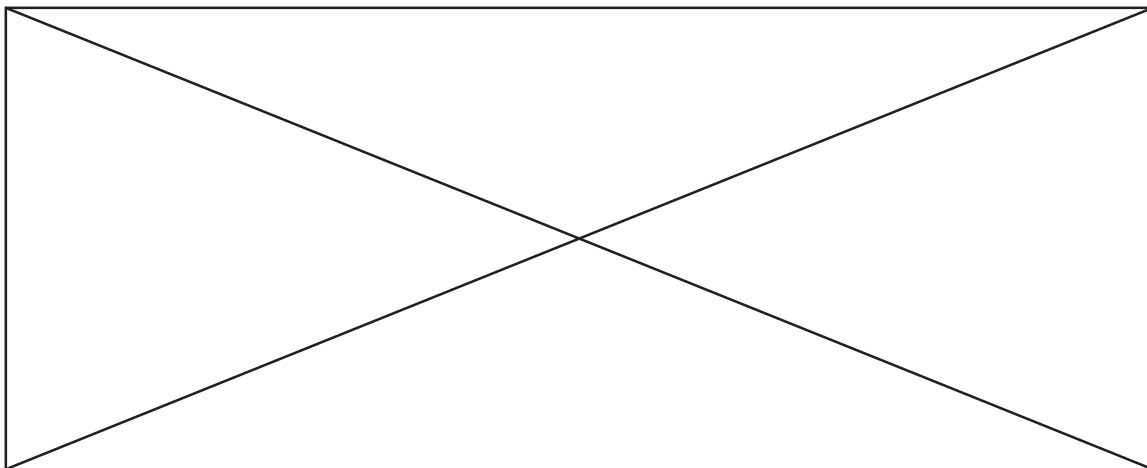
The progress report of IAY scheme in Doda District to uplift poor people under this scheme are given as under:



Source:- Rural Development Office Doda.

3. National Rural Employment Guarantee Act :- National rural employment Guarantee Act notified on 2005 and come into existence in 2006. It is further modified as the Mahatma Gandhi National rural Employment Guarantee Act (MANREGA) in 2008. The primary objective of the scheme is to augmenting wage employment. This scheme guarantee 100 days of wage employment in a financial Year to every household whose adult member volunteer to do unskilled men work .In starting phase MANREGA is restricted to only 200 district , today it is implemented in all district with rural areas.

The Progress report of MANREGA in Doda District in order to eradicate Poverty is as under:

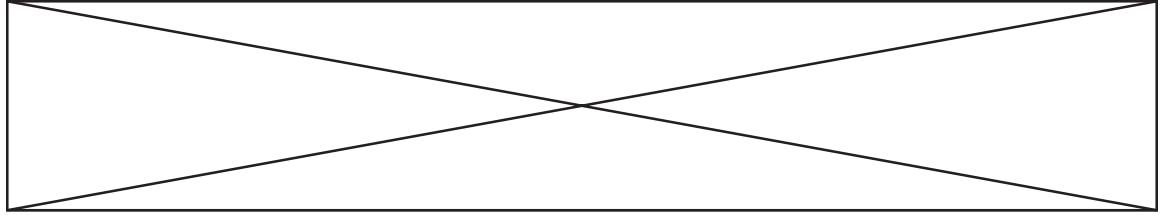


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Individual Household latrine / SBM Swatch Bharat Mission :- Total sanitation campaign come into existence in 1999 . The TSC renamed the NBA (Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan) which aim to transform rural India into Nirmal Bharat by adopting a community saturation approach and achieve 100 percent sanitation for all rural houses by 2022. In October 2014, under the banner of Modi Government the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan was realised as Swaach Bharat Mission.

This Campaign Launched officially on 02 October 2014 at Rajghat, New Delhi where the Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself Clean the road prior to SBM The IHHL (Individual Household Latrine) come under this scheme .

The Progress report of scheme in Doda district are as under :



Causes of Poverty In Doda District :- Despite the numerous scheme to eradicate Poverty the incidence of Poverty is much rampant and broadly . There are following view on the causes of Poverty in doda district.

- 1.** Development: - Doda suffer from Poverty due to lack of Infrastructure and developmental perspective.
- 2.** High Level of illiteracy ,Particularly in rural areas and among women , has been crucial factor not only in perpetuating economic backward but also for high population growth the persistence of high level of illiteracy has created a situation where poverty and population Doda District late Prime Minister Rajeev Gandhi had famously admitted that only 15 percent money actually reaches to ultimate beneficiaries.are feeding each other .
- 3.** Corruption and leakages in Government scheme are wide spread in

As we show above Progress report of IAY and MANGEGA is quite good but despite the all effort, overall number of poor in Doda district is increasing and becoming hurdle.

Conclusion:-

1. To remove Poverty and encourage economic development in doda district of J&K effective supervision of programme & Implementation is needed. This effective Implementation develops the capacity to pursue income generation activities.
2. Anti Poverty Programmes launched by government of J&K should be well coordinated.
3. Govt. of J&K should ensure that adequate infrastructure facilities are available at the District and Block Level, so that the plan for the development is completed.
4. Social and reforms to eliminate all forms of caste or community based discrimination.

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