

Chapter - 5

Ranking of Districts

The list of indicators for ranking of district is prepared in the present context, considering various dimensions of systems and processes of "Rural Employment Generation Schemes" (REGS) in the state of Meghalaya. These indicators are drawn from the schedules to capture perceptions from the field and also from the personnel observation of field researchers. The ranking given in the table below could be viewed as suggestive only.

Ranking of seven "Rural Employment Generation Schemes" (REGS) districts is carried out mainly under two sections, Qualitative and Quantitative. Two indicators are considered in the first section; eleven indicators are considered in the second section.

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Sl. No	Description	East Khasi Hills	West Khasi Hills	Ri Bhoi	East Garo Hills	West Garo Hills	South Garo Hills	Jaintia Hills
A	Quantitative Aspects							
1.	Physical Performance	6	4	2	1	7	5	3
2.	Financial Performance	7	4	1	2	6	5	3
B	Qualitative Aspects							
1.	Infrastructure Facilities	3	4	2	1	7	6	5
2.	Staffing	3	5	1	2	7	6	4
3.	Planning	3	4	2	1	7	6	5
4.	Awareness Building	4	5	1	2	6	7	3
5.	Capacity Building	4	6	2	1	7	5	3
6.	Norms for application of work	4	6	2	1	7	5	3
7.	Transparency in sanction of works	5	6	3	1	4	7	2
8.	Transparency in implementation of works	4	6	3	1	2	7	5
9.	Monitoring and Supervision of works	5	4	1	3	6	7	2
10.	Maintenance of Records	6	4	2	1	7	3	5
11.	Grievance Redressal Mechanism	5	4	2	1	7	6	3
	Final Ranking	4	5	2	1	7	6	3

Discussion and Justification for the Ranking

For ranking the districts, as far as possible, objectivity is maintained during the process. Justification for the ranking of districts is given below:

- In physical performance, by considering the number of works/projects allotted/sanctioned, number of households/beneficiaries provided employment etc, East Garo Hills district is ranked as '1', while west Garo Hills district is ranked as '7'
- In financial performance, by considering the percentage of utilization of funds etc, Ri Bhoi district is ranked as '1', while East Khasi Hills district is ranked as '7'
- In considering the availability of infrastructure facilities like computer, internet access, office furniture etc, East Garo Hills is ranked as '1', while West Garo Hills is ranked as '7'
- In considering the availability of technical staff and administrative staff at the district/block/village level, Ri Bhoi district is ranked as '1', while West Garo Hills is ranked as '7'
- Considering the effectiveness taken up for awareness building in rural areas, Ri Bhoi district is ranked as '1', while South Garo Hills district is ranked as '7'
- Considering the effectiveness of capacity building/training sessions of personnel, East Garo Hills is ranked as '1', while West Garo Hills is ranked as '7'
- Consideration of registration, planning, norms for application of works, transparency in implementation of works etc, East Garo Hills is ranked as '1', while West Garo Hills is ranked as '7'
- Role of monitoring committee, effectiveness of worksite/workplace supervision etc, Ri Bhoi Hills is ranked as '1', while South Garo Hills is ranked as '7'

- Consideration of maintenance and upkeep of records/registers and reliability of data kept at various levels, East Garo Hills is ranked as '1', while West Garo Hills is ranked as '7'
- Considering on action taken on complaint/grievances given by field officers and beneficiaries, East Garo Hills is ranked as '1', while West Garo Hills is ranked as '7'