Advance Payment for MGNREGS- A support for the tribal sector

The interventions of Kudumbashree in tribal development was mentioned in detail in ‘Making an Impact Article’ - 17, ‘Making an Impact Article’ - 134, and ‘Making an Impact article’ -136. Hope you all would have read those articles. We are indeed proud that we were able to implement Advance Payment system of the Wages for the tribal workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). This project was supported and fully funded by Tribal department, Govt of Kerala.
We implemented this project successfully at Attappady of Palakkad district, Wayanad district and Aralam Farm of Kannur District. The programme is implemented at Agali, Sholayur and Puthur Grama Panchayaths of Attappady through the Oorussamithis of Kudumbashree. In Wayanad and Kannur districts, it’s implemented through Area Development Societies (Ward level Federation of NHGs) of Kudumbashree. The first phase of the programme was organised after conducting discussions with representatives of District and Block Panchayath, representatives of MGNREGS programme, representatives of Scheduled Tribes Department and those from banks. Following that, trainings were extended in various levels. We started special bank accounts, and entered into tri-party agreement with banks, ADS and beneficiaries. These activities are progressing.

The amount for giving the advance payment is transferred to ADSs or Oorussamithis through CDSs/ Panchayath Samithis from the respective District Missions and is transferred to the accounts of the beneficiaries. When the beneficiary gets the amount from Government of India, it is automatically devoted from beneficiaries account to that of to ADS/Oorussamithi. This amount is again used for giving advance payments.

3819 beneficiaries who work in connection with MGNREGS in 192 hamlets of 48 wards of 3 Panchayaths in Attappady are now benefitted out of this programme. 2098 beneficiaries of 11 Panchayaths of Wayanad and 768 beneficiaries of Aralam Farm of Kannur is getting benefited through this. I am happy that we are able to help 6685 beneficiaries of 3 districts help them in their livelihood activities by giving them advance payments.