

NREGA Survey 2008 Bank Payments Questionnaire

[*Investigator*: Before you begin the interview, check that the respondent has been paid for NREGA work at least once since Dusshera (8 October 2008). If not, go to the next sample worker.]

Village: / _____ / Gram Panchayat: / _____ /

Block: / _____ / District: / _____ /

Investigator's name(s): / _____ /

Date: / _____ /

1. Respondent Details

1	Name of respondent:	
2	Sex [1= Female/ 2= Male]	/ _____ /
3	Education Level: [1 = Illiterate / 2 = Literate (below primary)/ 3 = Primary (Class V complete)/ 4 = Upper Primary (class VIII complete)/ 5= Secondary (class X complete)/ 6 = High School (class XII complete)/ 7 = Above High School/ 9 = Unclear]	/ _____ /

2. NREGA Employment Record

Since Dushera, how many days did you and other persons listed on your Job Card work on NREGA? And how much did you earn?

	Days of Work			
	Paid		Yet to be paid	
	Days	Wages paid (Rs)	Days	Wages due (Rs), if known
Respondent				
Respondent's household (all members listed on the Job Card including respondent)				

3. Bank Related Information

1	Do you have an NREGA bank/post office account? [1=Yes/ 2=No, but other household member (listed on the same Job Card) has an account/ 3=No, and nor does any other household member listed on the Job Card/ 9=Unable to tell] [Investigator: If the response is "3" or "9", go to Section 5.]	/ _____ /
2	What sort of account is it? [1=Individual/ 2=Joint (including female members of the household)/ 3=Joint (but no female household member)/ 4=Other/ 9=Unclear]	/ _____ /
3	Is it a bank account or a post office account? 1=Bank account/ 2=Post office account/ 9=Unclear	/ _____ /
	Please note the name and location of the bank/post office below.	
4	How far (in kms) is your bank/PO from your place of residence?	/ _____ /
5	Who opened your account? [1=self/ 2=GP official (e.g., Gram Rozgar Sevak, Gram Sevak)/ 3=Contractor or middleman/ 4=Other (specify)/ 9=Unclear] _____	/ _____ /
6	How many months (approximately) have passed since your bank account opened? [Investigator: If the respondent does not know, enter "DK"]	/ _____ /

7	Did you go to the bank/PO at the time of the opening of the account? [1=Yes/ 2=No/ 9=Unclear]	/ _____ /
8	Investigator: If not, please note details, including who opened the account, why and how. _____ _____ _____	
9	Did you have to pay to open your bank account? [1=Yes/ 2=No/ 9=Unclear]	/ _____ /
10	If yes, how much did you have to pay (Rs.)?	/ _____ /
11	If yes, please note below to whom and why this payment was made. _____ _____	
12	Since Dushera, have you been paid any NREGA wages in cash? [1=Yes/ 2=No/ 9=Unclear]	/ _____ /
13	Since Dushera, have any NREGA wages been paid into your bank/PO account? [1=Yes/ 2=No/ 9=Unclear]	/ _____ /
14	How many weeks have lapsed since you were last paid for NREGA work?	/ _____ /
15	Last time you were paid for NREGA work, how were your wages paid? 1=Cash in hand [go to Question 16] 2=Through bank account [go to Section 4] 3=Through Post office [go to Section 4] 4=Other (specify) [go to Section 5] _____ _____ _____	/ _____ /

16	Do you have any reason to believe that this cash was withdrawn from your bank account by someone else? (If yes, please note details.) [1=Yes/ 2=No/ 9=Unclear] <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <i>[Investigator: Now go to Section 5.]</i>	/ _____ /
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4. Bank/PO Withdrawals

<p>17</p>	<p>How did you collect yours wages from the bank/PO (the last time you were paid)?</p> <p>1= Went in person and withdrew in person [go to question 18] 2= Went in person, but withdrew with someone’s help [go to question 23] 3= Did not go in person, but someone else withdrew on behalf of the respondent [go to question 29] 4= Wages are still lying in the account [go to section 5] 5= Other, specify [go to section 5]</p>	<p>/ _____ /</p>
	<p>If [1], “went in person and withdrew in person”</p>	
<p>18</p>	<p>Did you put your signature/thumbprint on any paper when you went to collect your wages? [1=Yes (please specify below)/ 2=No/ 9=Unclear]</p> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>/ _____ /</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>Was your passbook updated when you went to collect your wages? [1=Yes/ 2=No/ 9=Unclear]</p> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>/ _____ /</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>Did any bank/post office official charge you any money when you went to collect your wages? (Please specify, including amount charged.) [1=Yes/ 2=No/ 9=Unclear]</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>/ _____ /</p>

<p>21</p>	<p>Did you face any problems/harassment in collecting your wages (e.g. told to come back another day, long wait, confused about paperwork, long or costly journey to the bank/post office)? [1=Yes/ 2=No/ 9=Unclear]</p> <p>If yes, please describe.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>/ _____ /</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>Were the bank/PO staff helpful or unhelpful? [1=Helpful/ 2=Unhelpful/ 3=Unclear]</p> <p>[<i>Investigator</i>: Now go to Section 5.]</p>	<p>/ _____ /</p>
<p>If [2], “went in person, but withdrew with someone’s help”</p>		
<p>23</p>	<p>Who accompanied you to the bank/PO? [1= friend or relative/ 2=other labourer(s)/ 3=GP official (e.g. sarpanch, GRS, PS)/ 4=Contractor or middleman/ 5=Other (specify)/ 9=Unclear]</p> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>/ _____ /</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>Why did you go with this person and not on your own?</p> <hr/> <hr/>	
<p>25</p>	<p>Did you put your signature/thumbprint on any paper when you went to collect your wages? [1=Yes (please specify below)/ 2=No/ 9=Unclear]</p> <hr/>	<p>/ _____ /</p>

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26	Was your passbook updated when you went to collect your wages? [1=Yes/ 2=No/ 9=Unclear]	/ _____ /
27	Did the person accompanying you keep any money for himself/herself? If yes, please note details (including amount kept) below. [1=Yes/ 2=No/ 9=Unclear] <hr/> <hr/>	/ _____ /
28	Were the bank/PO staff helpful or unhelpful? [1=Helpful/ 2=Unhelpful/ 3=Unclear] [Investigator: Now go to Section 5.]	/ _____ /
	If [3], “did not go in person, but someone else withdrew”	
29	Who went to the bank/PO to withdraw your wages? [1= friend or relative/ 2=other labourer(s)/ 3=GP official (e.g. sarpanch, GRS, PS)/ 4=Contractor or middleman/ 5=Other (specify)/ 9=Unclear]	/ _____ /
30	Do you feel that this person kept any of your wages? [1=Yes/ 2=No/ 9=Unclear] If yes, give details (including amount withheld) <hr/> <hr/>	/ _____ /
31	Why did this person go (and not you on your own)? <hr/> <hr/> [Investigator: Now go to Section 5.]	

Bank Records (since Dushera, i.e. 8 October 2008)				Is this payment confirmed by the labourer?	Comments*
Serial No.	Date	Withdrawals	Deposits		
1				1=Yes/2=No/9=U nclear	
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

**Investigator:* Write your comments payment-wise or for several/all payments together, as appropriate.