

3. **National Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programmes (NRLEGP)**: This programme was started in 1985 during the sixth plan. The programme, meant only for rural landless families, was aimed at generating employment. The purpose behind this scheme was also to strengthen the community assets and infrastructure, so that the income of the rural landless families could be improved.

The works like soil conservation, water management, plantation,

garden, floriculture, protection, from flood, and repair of drains, streets etc. are taken up under this scheme to provide work and wages to at least one members belonging to rural families for 100 days in a year. The payment of wages is made partly in cash and partly in kind. The payment is made equal to both male and female labourers as per the minimum wages act for performing 8 hours of work in a day. The programme is formulated, implemented, and monitored by DRDA.

This programme is founded cent-percent by the Central Government. During Seventh Plan, 115 crores of man days were benefited.

The NREP and RLGEF were later merged with Jawahar Rojgar Yojna (JRY) from April, 1989.