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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Yes. This manuscript is quite relevant as it attempts to study the contemporary flagship program implementation)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? It needs to be revised (Title is apt for the article)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Abstract should be written as per revised version of the manuscript.</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? some sections in the manuscript needs to be re-written after rebuilding the model.</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? Yes</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. Authors should refer some more recent literature related to the scheme implementation.</p> <p>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</p>	<p>The manuscript titled 'Socio-Economic determinants of Participation in MGNREGA: A Case Study of Kathua District, J&K' is quite interesting as it aims at examining socio-economic determinants of MGNREGA participation.</p> <p>The authors should address the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) This article is prepared mostly using demographic and social indicators rather than economic determinants. So, the given title is not justifiable. 2) When did MGNREGA start in the chosen district/village? No information is provided related to scheme implementation in the sample district/village. Author/s should add some information related to the scheme implementation using the available secondary data. 3) What is the reason for choosing Kathua for the study? How is it different from other districts of J&K? 4) The sample procedure and methodology need to be clearly specified in the manuscript. What is sampling criterion for picking the sample households 5) What is the total number of households in the study village? How is the sample of 56 households representative? 6) Author/s should provide information on socio-economic conditions of study area covering social composition, demography, land ownership, work participation and other livelihood aspects. 7) The study covered more non-beneficiary households compared to beneficiaries. In this context, what is the coverage of MGNREGA in the study village? 8) How do you interpret the distinction between beneficiary and non-beneficiaries. 9) The specified model seems to be not so convincing, as the workers participation under MGNREGA is determined by the factors like wages offered, delays in wage payments, no. of days work provision, breaks in the scheme implementation, discrimination at worksite, nature of the work, work availability in agri and non-agricultural sectors, etc. Unfortunately, none of these variables are covered in the study. Authors may think over and rebuild the model for the study. <p>This manuscript needs to be revised as per the above given comments to make it publishable.</p>	
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<p>Optional/General comments</p>		

PART 2:

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