ABSTRACT
Rural Development is the one of the major objectives of the socio-economic programmes implemented by the Central and State governments in India. Some of the programmes are very much target oriented and playing vital role in this area. MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) is one of the programme who has attained considerable recognition among rural masses and significantly uplifting the livelihood by creation of new jobs and involving rural people in some of the States. This study revealed that there is a noteworthy improvement in the awareness level among the beneficiaries in rural areas and positive effects of these programmes especially in villages can be identified. Now rural local bodies such as Gram Panchayats are also actively participating in the rural development process. In this paper an attempt has made to evaluate the financial and physical progress under MGNREGA in the District Jind of Haryana State. The positive impact of MGNREGA in Jind District cannot be ignored; which is an encouraging indicator for State and Central governments. It has also been suggested in the paper that; in future, more such target oriented programmes should be implemented so that, the gap between poor and rich and rural and urban areas could be bridged.