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- Chandigarh, April 13 - Haryana Rural Development Department has issued directions to all the Chief Executive Officers of District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) of the State not to stop the works under MGNREGA during the period of lockdown implemented due to COVID-19 and individual categories of work should be done especially for the families of the weaker sections of the rural areas so that MNREGA laborers can get employment. In addition, directions have also been given to ensure adherence to social distancing at workplaces and to provide masks, soaps and sanitizers.
- Giving information in this regard, a spokesperson of the Rural Development Department said that under MNREGA, during the year 2020 - 21, about 60,000 sheds will be built for the livestock including cow, buffalo, goat, chicken etc of rural families who are living below the poverty line.
- He informed that Rs 458 crore was spent during the year 2019-20 which will be increased to more than Rs 600 crore in the year 2020 - 21 under MNREGA. The department will try to complete work worth Rs100 crore in the next two months.
- The spokesperson said that directions have been given to get the work done from MNREGA laborers in all the development works being done in the village by the Development and Panchayat Department. Gram Panchayat can get workers from outside the village to work in the same situation if they do not have MNREGA workers.