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Difference between MGNREGA and VB-GRAM (Viksit Bharat–Gramin Rozgar aur Aajeevika Mission) – Comparison Table

Aspect	MGNREGA	VB-G RAM-G Bill (Proposed)
Nature of Law	Rights-based Act (MGNREGA, 2005)	Scheme/Mission-based law
Legal Status of Work	Statutory Right to Work	No explicit legal guarantee of work
Employment Guarantee	100 days of wage employment per rural household per year	No fixed days; focus on livelihoods & skills
Unemployment Allowance	Mandatory if work not provided within 15 days	Unclear / diluted provisions
Demand-Driven	Yes (work on demand)	More supply-driven
Wage Employment	Core objective	Secondary to skill & livelihood creation
Focus Area	Manual, unskilled rural work	Skill development, self-employment, enterprises
Beneficiaries	All rural households	Targeted beneficiaries
Decentralisation	Strong role of Gram Sabha & Panchayats	Greater administrative discretion
Transparency Tools	Social audit, job cards, MIS	Framework not clearly defined yet
Funding Pattern	Statutory central obligation	Budget-dependent
Women’s Participation	At least ⅓ workers women	No statutory quota specified
Asset Creation	Rural infrastructure & commons	Livelihood assets & skilling outcomes
Safety Net Role	Strong crisis-time support	Weaker immediate wage safety net

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Aspect	MGNREGA	VB-G RAM-G Bill (Proposed)
Constitutional Link	Linked to Article 21 (Right to Livelihood)	Indirect / policy-oriented

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