

## Tribals block highways for EGS wages

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Thousands of tribal persons and villagers blocked highways passing through the districts of Palghar, Thane, Raigad and Nashik to protest the delay by the government in payment of wages under Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS) for three months.

The agitation, organised under the banner of Shramajivi Sanghatana, disrupted vehicular traffic for hours.

“In Palghar district alone, the wages of workers have been pending for three months, totalling to Rs 13 crore. The government is diverting funds meant for tribal persons to other heads,” said Sanghatna president Vivek Pandit.

The agitation was peaceful and hundreds of tribal people blocked highways, a press release by the Sanghatna stated.

The press release said some of agitators were detained by the police but were released later. — PTI

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