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To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary(RD)
(In-charge – Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)
All States and UTs.

Dear Sir/Madam,

During the last Performance Review Committee meeting held on 16.02.10, the States had raised the issue of shortage of technical personnel in the Blocks and Gram Panchayats for effective implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA . This problem was seen to be resulting in breach of statutory provisions like delays in payment of wages, poor quality of works, forgery of muster rolls, failure in organization of social audit and time-bound redressal of grievances. States are also required to construct Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendra in Blocks and Gram Panchayats on a priority basis.

2. In order to resolve the aforesaid difficulties and protect the interest of the workers, States are permitted to deploy two engineers per 6000 population of rural households. In North-Eastern States and hill States like J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Uttranchal, two engineers may be deployed per 3000 population of rural households. The expenditure on the engineers shall be met out of the component of administrative expenditure in a manner that the ceiling of 6% is adhered to.

3. States are also encouraged to orient the additional engineers so engaged under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA to facilitate issue of job cards to the rural households, receipt of application of work, proper planning of works, timely provision of employment, prompt measurement of work and payment of wages, adherence to technical standards in execution of works, production of documents in Gram Sabha for proper organization of social audit, timely redressal of grievances, proper maintenance of records, entry of data in MIS, organization of workers into thrift and credit Self Help Groups, access to medical services to sick and injured workers.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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