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Dear Shri Kumar,

Under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act technical personnel engaged in the implementation of the Act facilitate in estimation and measurement of works. Inadequate deployment of technical personnel has led to delayed measurement of works and consequent delayed payment of wages to the workers.

2. Operational guidelines provide for setting up of technical resource network at national as well as State level. It also provides for constitution of panels of accredited engineers at the district and block levels who could be utilized in preparation of estimates as well as for measurement of works. The guidelines also provide for setting up of technical resource systems at the State and district levels to assist in the planning, designing, monitoring, evaluation and quality audit of various initiatives. States/Union Territories are requested to optimally utilize and implement the provisions outlined in the operational guidelines so that the programme could be efficiently implemented at the different levels.

3. States/Union Territories are also requested to prepare district wise panel of technical personnel (both serving and retired) whose expertise could be utilized in the preparation of estimates in line with trends of cost escalation of various items and measurement of works in a time bound manner. Services of such panel may also be utilized for carrying out other technical works as deemed fit by States as per the requirements. Services of such panels may also be taken for the purpose of undertaking quality audit of the initiatives and to determine realistic estimates prepared for works. Terms and conditions, rates and other parameters may also be decided as per the operational guidelines. Such initiatives will not only enhance the quality of assets created under the schemes but would be effective in ensuring integrity and efficiency in measurement. You may also consider issuing appropriate directions to the Gram Panchayats to immediately report cases of delays in obtaining requisite administrative and financial approvals, releases of the next instalment.

4. You are requested to take immediate and appropriate action in the matter and inform the Ministry accordingly.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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