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Government of India  
Ministry of Rural Development  
(Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Division)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi,  
Dated the 11 September, 2012

To

The Principal Secretary, EGS,  
Department of Rural development,  
Government of Maharashtra,  
Mumbai- 400032, (Maharashtra).

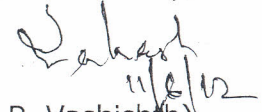
**Subject: Forest fire prevention works.**

Sir,

Ministry is in receipt of a proposal from Principal Secretary, Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra for inclusion of forest fire control works under MGNREGA. It is also informed that this activity was earlier permitted under the Employment Guarantee Scheme of Government of Maharashtra (a scheme funded by States' own resources) but was discontinued for some reasons. The State Government is requested to intimate the reasons for discontinuing the funding of fire control measures in the forest areas.

While afforestation and plantation of trees is permissible under MGNREG Act, cutting lines with a view to control forest fires is not a permissible activity in MGNREGA. The State Govt. may deploy its own funds for cutting fire lines in the forest.

Yours faithfully,



(S.P. Vashishth)  
Director (MGNREGA)

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