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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development
MGNREGA Division

Room No. , Krishi Bhavan,
New Delhi, dated ~~30th June, 2011~~

15th July 2011

To

Principal Secretaries (Incharge of MGNREGA)
All States / UTs (Except Chandigarh and Delhi).

Sir(s)/Madam(s),

As you are aware, Ministry of Rural Development has introduced National Level Awards for MGNREGA to recognize the outstanding contributions in four different categories:

- a. Award to District Teams for effective initiative in MGNREGA implementation.
- b. Award of Excellence in MGNREGA Administration (Financial Inclusion).
- c. Rozgaar Jagrukta Puraskar to recognize the outstanding contributions by Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).
- d. Award for best performing Gram Panchayat.

2. This year, Ministry has carried out some changes in the eligibility and evaluation criteria for category (a) awards (copy of Scheme is enclosed). Accordingly, I request you to initiate the process for inviting nominations of District Teams for category (a) Award for 2010-11, get screened by the State Screening Committee and forward the duly recommended nominations to the Ministry.

3. Your proposal should reach the Ministry by 15.09.2011 in the prescribed format as given in the Scheme. We shall be intimating to you the schedule of presentation to be made by the District Teams in the Ministry later.

4. For the other categories of award, the nodal Ministries / Departments will contact you with detailed guidelines and timelines.

4. The details of the Scheme are posted on the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA website www.nrega.nic.in.

Yours faithfully,


(D.K. Jain)

o/k Joint Secretary (MGNREGA)

Issued with Enclosure

1. July, 2011

Encl.: As above.

Signature and Stamp of the Head of District NREGA Team

Place:

Date :

Signature and Stamp of the Head of the Nominating Institution (s) /Individual (s)

Place:

Date:

Important:

1. Hard copies of all reports should be submitted in MS Word in 12-size Arial font in numbered paragraphs in A4 size paper. The report should have page numbers, table of contents, list of abbreviations, synopsis of dates and events, an executive summary, full description of events, facts, problems and interventions made. All annexures should be properly referenced with respect to the report.
2. For the purpose of presentation, PowerPoint may be used.
3. Electronic copy of documents should also be provided.
4. Applications/Nominations for State level Award may be submitted to the Secretary of the Department dealing with implementation of NREGA in the State/UT.
5. Nominations for National level Award may be submitted to the Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Government of India, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi along with a self-addressed envelope.

Scheme of National Awards to District Teams

for

**“Effective Initiative in Mahatma Gandhi NREGA
Implementation”**

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Scheme of National Awards to District Teams for Effective Initiative in Mahatma Gandhi in NREGA Implementation

1. The Award

Government of India has decided to introduce annual National awards to be known as *Effective Initiative in Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Implementation* to recognize outstanding contributions by District MGNREGA Teams for promoting effective implementation of MGNREG Act in the country.

2. Objective of the Award

Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act aims at providing for enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. It also envisages payment of unemployment allowance to the households in case the work is not provided as stipulated within 15 days of demand for work, or from the date when the work is demanded. In order to protect the interests of workers, provision for social audit by Gram Sabha has been kept. Quick disposal of grievances and complaints have to be ensured. Implementing agencies have been made responsible for proper implementation of the Act and the Schemes. The District MGNREGA Teams need to ensure that the workers are able to access their rights under the Act. To accomplish the objectives of the MGNREG Act, it is necessary to encourage District MGNREGA Teams in the implementation of the Act.

Accordingly, the Government of India considers it expedient to institute annual National Awards to district teams for the effective implementation of MGNREG Act.

3. Eligibility criteria

All District MGNREGA Teams will be eligible for consideration for the Award. The District Programme Coordinator shall be the head of the District Team and other implementing agencies such as Blocks (Programme Officer and his staff), Gram Panchayats, Line Departments which are participating in the implementation of MGNREGA will constitute the District MGNREGA Team.

- The district teams who have already received an award under MGNREGA will not be considered for three years from the year in which they have received an award
- The member of team who represented the district for submission of proposal and who interacted with the committee during screening process should only be eligible to receive the award
- The Award is to recognize contribution made by the district team and not by individuals

4. Categories of Award

There will be two categories of Award

4.1. First category is for overall performance among competing districts implying balanced achievement in largest number of evaluation criteria as given below

Evaluation Criteria: Final selection will be based on the marks scored by the applicant team against predetermined criteria given below :

S. No.	Criteria	Description	Max. Marks
1.	Information,	Measures taken for dissemination of information	100

