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Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Date: 8th February, 2017

To

The Special Chief Secretary /Principal Secretary/ Secretary/Commissioner (in charge of MGNREGA),
Government of all the States

Subject: Invitation for participation in the 'National Workshop on Integrated Natural Resource Management'

Madam/ Sir,

Implementation of Mission Water Conservation Framework is a major thrust area under MGNREGA for FY 2017-18.

2. Pursuant to the National Workshop convened by the Ministry on 17th October, 2016 for introducing the Mission Water Conservation Framework to the States, 16 State level workshops have been organized so far, for dissemination of the Framework and for ensuring the implementation of the same.

3. It is heartening to see States doing commendable work in respect of INRM related works. Many CSOs are also engaged in this field and have, over time, developed successful models, approaches and expertise. To expand the scope of convergence/ partnership the Ministry is organising a National Workshop on Integrated Natural Resource Management to provide a platform for sharing of experiences and articulation of expectations by the States and the Civil Society Organisations (CSO) leading to forging of partnership, based on requirements of the states and capacity of the CSOs, for effective implementation of the Framework.

4. The workshop is being convened in partnership with GIZ and DFID on **14th February 2017 (9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.) and 15th February 2017 (9.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.)**. The venue is **Civil Services Officers Institute (CSOI), Vinay Marg, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi**. A note on the workshop is enclosed. Detailed agenda of the workshop will be shared shortly.

5. You are requested to kindly nominate **two State level senior officers involved in planning and execution of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA**, and send the nominations to Dr. Suparna S Pachouri (Director, MGNREGA) at suparna.edu@nic.in with a copy to skulsh@gmail.com and pduberkar@gmail.com by 10th February 2017, Friday.

(Encl as above)

Yours faithfully

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Joint Secretary (MGNREGA)

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National Workshop on Mission Water Conservation

(Scheduled to be held on 14th and 15th February, 2017 at CSOI)

Concept Note

The Ministry has recently brought out **Mission Water Conservation** Framework within the Overall Structure of PMKSY for supporting sustainable livelihoods through MGNREGA. The Framework has been prepared after detailed consultation with the relevant Ministries / Departments – the Ministry of Water Resources, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and the Department of Land Resources. The main objective of Mission Water Conservation is to ensure convergent planning and execution of Natural Resource Management related works with the use of relevant technology for better outcomes. Through the implementation of the Framework, it will be attempted to ensure not less than 65% of expenditure under MGNREGS on NRM works in water stressed 2264 Blocks located in various States. In order to drive home the need to converge at the States / Districts / Block / GP level, the Ministry of rural Development has been facilitating the States to conduct workshop on Mission Water Conservation at the State level with relevant department for chalking out the strategy of implementation in FY 2017-18.

As a continuation of the Ministry's effort to handhold the states in the implementation of the Framework, the Workshop with the CSOs (including CSO partners of GIZ and DFID supported INRM related project) is being organized. GIZ is supporting the "Environmental Benefits of MGNREGA" for improving the core processes of MGNREGA for better outcomes. DFID is also supporting "Infrastructure for Climate Resilient Growth" project for creating durable and climate resilient infrastructure and enhancing technical capacities.

CSOs working in the NRM sector have over time developed successful models, approaches and expertise which they may share with the States. The States may share their strategies and the areas in which they can benefit through engagement with the CSOs by leveraging their strengths. The Ministry will act as a facilitator for forging the partnership between States and CSOs for effective implementation of the Framework.

Outcome of the Workshop

- Categorisation of CSOs based on types of support they can provide.
- Identification of thematic experts.
- Methodology for States engagement with CSOs.