

Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi

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To

The Principal Secretary
Panchayat & RD Department
Government of West Bengal
Jesop Building, 1st Floor
63, N.S.Road,
Kolkata-700001

Subject: Liquidation of wage liability pertaining to FY 2015-16.

Sir,

I draw your attention to Hon'ble Supreme Court case Writ Petition (C) No. 857 of 2015, Swaraj Abhayan Vs Union of India & Anr. Hon'ble Supreme Court has expressed concern regarding non payment of wages to MGNREGA workers on time.

You are aware of the fact that the Ministry has been harping on the need to clear all wage liabilities on priority. In fact it has been clearly stated that the payment of wages ought to be the **First charge** on the funds released to States /UTs from time to time.

While adequate amount of funds have been released to States/ UTs during the current FY with clear cut direction to clear all pending liabilities, it is a matter of concern that **Rs.15783.38 lakh** is still shown as unpaid wages in your State for FY 2015-16 in the MIS of MGNREGA programme.

Keeping in view the concern of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the advice of the Ministry, you are requested to kindly take appropriate action for clearing all pending wage liabilities at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,



(Ajay Kumar Sumbly)
Deputy Secretary (MGNREGA)