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Dear Shri

The Central Government in partnership with the State Governments has constantly endeavored to strengthen the effective and efficient implementation of NREGA and has taken several measures in this regard to ensure accountability and transparency in the implementation processes as well as ensuring conformity with the legally mandated processes.

In the light of experience gained in the implementation of the programme by the implementing authorities in the States/UTs, the following decisions have been taken by the Ministry to further strengthen the accountability of the system.

All State Governments shall set up a High level Coordination Committee under the Chief Secretary of the State to ensure inter-departmental coordination in the implementation of the Act and the Schemes made thereunder headed by the Chief Secretary and comprising the Secretaries of the Departments dealing with Finance, Personnel, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fishery, Forests, Revenue, Home, Health, Rural Development, Education, Women, Child and Tribal Development and any other subject deemed to be relevant and also representatives of Banks, Department of Posts, National Informatics Centre (NIC), Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) and Health Insurance Company in charge of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana. Secretary dealing with the implementation of the Act shall act as the member-convener for the High level Committee. The Committee shall regularly review the implementation of Schemes and ensure that 2%, 10%, 100% of the inspection of the works and records of the Scheme at the State/District/Block respectively is conducted once a quarter and all deficiencies are removed and all grievances are redressed.

The District Programme Coordinator shall ensure that within fifteen days of funds received by them, the same is released to the eligible Gram Panchayats in the District.

District Collectors shall be responsible for the proper organization of the Gram Sabha wherever required under the Act and Schemes made thereunder. The District Programme Coordinator (wherever the District Programme Coordinator is not the District Collector/District Magistrate/Deputy Commissioner) shall assist the District Collector.

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Gram Sabha and Ward Sabha shall be held regularly according to the provisions of the Act. Gram Panchayat shall ensure organization of Ward Sabha wherever the number of members in the Gram Sabha is large, and effective participation of all members may not reasonably be expected.

The Gram Sabha and Ward Sabha shall identify and select the projects to be taken up in the Gram Panchayat. Gram Sabha should be held regularly to ensure social audit. All information relating to flow of funds, works, workers, muster rolls, measurement books, sanction orders, cash book and all other records and registers shall be placed in the Gram Sabha. There shall be video documentation of the proceedings of all Gram Sabhas. Copies of the video footage (tape, CD or any other media) shall be properly coded and kept in the District with the Gram Panchayat, Programme Officer and the District Programme Coordinator. The District Programme Coordinator, the Programme Officer and the Gram Panchayat shall utilize the video footage to ensure enforcement of the decisions of the Gram Sabhas and proper implementation of the NREG Act and the Scheme made thereunder.

You will appreciate that the adoption of above measures will go a long way in further strengthening transparency and accountability in the implementation of the NREG Act as well as ensuring effective convergence of other schemes and programmes with NREGA and coordination with other agencies like banks, post offices and insurance companies etc. Action taken in this regard may please be informed to the Ministry at the earliest.

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Yours sincerely,



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To all Chief Secretaries