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Ministry of Rural Development
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The Principal Secretary/Secretary(Rural Development)
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Subject:- Amendment to Schedule I Para 1(iv) of NREG Act

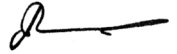
Ministry of Rural Development notified the amendment to Schedule I Para 1(iv) of NREG Act vide Notification dated 22nd July 2009 as under:-

"provision of irrigation facility, horticulture plantation and land development facilities to land owned by households belonging to the Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes or below poverty line families or to beneficiaries of land reforms or to the beneficiaries under the Indira Awas Yojana of Government of India or that of the small farmers or marginal farmers as defined in the Agriculture Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008."

2. In order to ensure due compliance with the amendment notified and creation of durable assets and strengthening the livelihood resource base of the rural poor, the following directions are issued in accordance with Section 27(1) of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.

- i) Works on the land of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes households will be taken on priority. Once works on the lands of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are saturated in a Gram Panchayat, works on lands of small and marginal farmers may be considered.
- ii) Works on lands of small and marginal farmers will be of water conservation and water harvesting like construction of dug wells and farm ponds, recharge structures on existing well and conveyance systems.

- iii) Following conditions as notified vide Notification dated 18th June 2008 are also required to be fulfilled while executing the above said directions.
- a) The individual land owner shall be a Job Card holder and also work in the project;
 - b) For each such project, the labour material ratio of 60:40 shall be maintained at the Gram Panchayat level;
 - c) Projects shall be approved by the Gram Sabha and the Gram Panchayat and shall be part of the annual shelf of projects;
 - d) No contractors or machinery shall be used in the execution of work;
 - e) No machinery shall be purchased.



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