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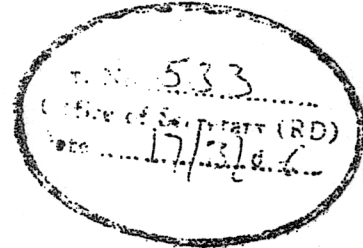
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Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006

To

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Secretary to the Govt. of India,  
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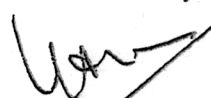
Subject: - Implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) -Application of Model Code of Conduct- Regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your D. O letter no 28012/11/05-06-NREGA dated 7<sup>th</sup> March 2006 on the above mentioned subject and to state that the Commission has reconsidered the matter and decided now as under:-

1. The Ministry of Rural Development shall not increase the number of districts in which NREGA is being implemented after announcement of elections in any State/UT.
2. The job card holders will be provided employment, if they demand work, after announcement of elections in the ongoing works.
3. In case no employment can be provided in ongoing works, the Competent Authority may start new work (s) from the shelf of projects that has been approved and inform the fact to concerned District Election Officer (DEO). No new work shall be started by the Competent Authority till such time employment can be given in ongoing works. In case no shelf of project is available or all works available on shelf have been exhausted then concerned Competent Authority shall make a reference to the Commission for approval through the concerned DEO. The Competent Authority shall also furnish a certificate to DEO to the effect that the new work has been sanctioned as no employment can be given to the job card holder in the on going work. Responsibility for following these instructions shall lie with the Authority sanctioning new work.
4. The Commission's instruction communicated vides its letter of even no. dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 2006 shall now stand withdrawn.

Yours faithfully,

  
(K. AJAY KUMAR)  
SECRETARY

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