

PRIORITY

**No. J-12014/2/2010-MGNREGA-I
Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development
(Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Division)**

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated 8TH August, 2011

To,

All members of Empowered Committee (as per list attached)

Subject: Record notes of discussions in the meeting of inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee for Biometric enabled ICT Project under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA held on 26th July, 2011 at 11.00 a.m. in UNNATI (Committee Room No. 51), Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Sir / Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith the record notes of discussions took in the meeting of inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee for Biometric enabled ICT Project under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA held on 26th July, 2011 at 11.00 a.m. in UNNATI (Committee Room No. 51), Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for information and necessary action, please.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,



(P.N. Shukla)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Copy:

1. PPS to Joint Secretary (RD)/PS to Director (IS), Department of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for information, please.
2. Shri Ritesh Saxena, MIS Officer (MGREGA) for information and necessary action, please.

An inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee (EC) for the ICT enabled Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.

An inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee (EC) under the chairmanship of Secretary, MoRD comprising the following is constituted for approval to different stages of project transaction and take all decisions incidental to the projects.

- △ i. Secretary, Rural Development – Chairperson
- ii. ✓ Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs/ or representative – Member
- iii. ✓ Secretary, Department of Expenditure or representative - Member
- iv. ✓ Secretary, Planning Commission/ or representative – Member
- △ v. Secretary, Panchayati Raj/ or representative – Member
- vi. Director General, UIDAI – Member ✗
- vii. Director General, NIC - Member ✗
- △ viii. Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, MoRD – Member
- ix. Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Rural Development of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.
- ✗ x. Joint Secretary, Department of Information Technology – Member
- ✗ xi. Joint Secretary, Department of Financial Services – Member
- ✗ xii. Deputy Director General, Department of Post – Member
- xiii. Deputy General Manager (IT-P&S, C), State Bank of India, Mumbai
- xiv. General Manager, Central Bank of India, Northern Zone
- ✗ xv. Joint Secretary, (MGNREGA), Department of Rural Development – Member Convener.

The Empowered Committee (EC) may invite any other officer or expert according to need.

D K Sharma

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Record notes of discussions in the EC meeting held on July 26, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. under the chairmanship of Secretary, MoRD for Project for Implementation of ICT and Biometrics Related Works of MGNREGA

Venue: Unnati, Krishi Bhawan New Delhi

The 2nd meeting of Inter-ministerial Empowered Committee for biometric enabled ICT project under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development on July 26, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

List of persons who were present in the meeting is enclosed as Annexure-A.

Agenda for the meeting was to discuss (1) the interim evaluation report of the applications received (2) report submitted by the Technical Committee, (3) the draft RFP document including the service agreement and (4) the way forward for the implementation of the project.

Joint Secretary (MGNREGA) made a presentation highlighting the objective of the project, implementation constraints, and action taken so far.

The gist of decisions/discussion taken is as under:

1. DG, UIDAI suggested that the enrolment part should be delinked from the scope of the service provider (SP) and there should be two separate contracts: one for the enrolment process and the other for provision of services related to MGNREGA. He explained that the experience in Bihar, Haryana and Chandigarh where enrolment was clubbed with other departmental services, has not been good. It was suggested that the reasons for the same should be studied, before finalising the way forward for the project.
2. Pointing out that MoRD is also a registrar of UIDAI, AS & FA, MoRD clarified that the SP will be required to enroll only in residuary cases viz. when a worker who has not been enrolled by any registrar and his attendance is to be recorded. This is clearly reflected in clause 9.1 of Draft Service Agreement (DSA). Therefore, the approach of MoRD as brought out in the DSA is consistent and logical and does not in anyway come in conflict with the objectives of UIDAI. Further, as per DSA, enrolment by the SP can be done only upon approval of the enrolment plan submitted by the SP. He pointed out that there are multiple registrars in any given area and, if it was felt that enrolment by SP was coming in conflict with the objective of UIDAI, the EC could decline to approve the enrolment by SP and UIDAI could continue with other registrars. Therefore, adequate safeguards have been built in the DSA.
3. It was further observed that as per progress detailed by DG UIDAI, the total enrolment at present is in the range of 2 to 5% of total population only and as such, there is a huge gap in enrollment. In the given situation, MoRD has following two options:
 - a) UIDAI takes the responsibility for enrolment and MoRD would use the biometric data so collected for its project. The project would then be implemented as per the timelines of enrolment by UIDAI Registrars.
 - b) Alternatively, one could go ahead with the project as it is currently designed.

Signature

