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Dear

Kindly refer to the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 regarding the ICT Pilot Project at Unnati Hall, Krishi Bahvan, New Delhi.

2. Some of the issues which need explanation from the state are mentioned in the minutes of the meeting. You are requested to respond to the issues raised at the earliest.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(Niten Chandra)

**Encl: Minutes of the meeting**

To

Principal Secretary / Secretary

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Kerala
3. Orissa
4. Uttar Pradesh
5. Bihar

**Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on 09.01.09 at 3:00 PM in Unnati Hall, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi on ICT Pilot Project planning, implementation and monitoring.**

**Participants:**

- 1) Joint Secretary (NREGA), Department of Rural Development, GOI
- 2) Director (NREGA), Department of Rural Development, GOI
- 3) Senior Technical Director, NIC
- 4) Technical Director, NIC
- 5) State official and representatives of States (Bihar, UP, Kerala, Orissa).
- 6) Representative of IL&FS

Director (NREGA), welcomed the representatives of the respective States (Bihar, Kerala, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh) requesting them to give a brief presentation on the planning and implementation of the ICT Pilot Project. Later on a presentation was made by the State Government of Bihar, Kerala, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh was not present in the meeting.

3. Joint Secretary, NREGA made several key observations regarding the implementation of the project in the States. The important observations and issues highlighted are flagged as follows:

**Response required from States:**

1. **NREGA Processes:** The project should not be isolated from the NREGA Act and should be covering all the aspects of NREGA processes starting from registration, issuance of job card, demand and allocation, worksite attendance in e-muster rolls, wage disbursement and monitoring.
2. **MIS:** No parallel MIS will be built for the data collection and reporting of the pilot project and all effort should be made to integrate the system with the NREGASoft.
3. **Job Card:** It may be noted that both job cards the old as well as the swipe cards will be updated simultaneously. Further it needs to be decided whether the electronic Job Cards will be distributed to only head of the household or to every registered member of the household.

4. **Dated Receipts and Unemployment allowance:** The States will also need to decide whether dated receipt will be issued automatically or will depend on the custodian of the hand held devices. The issue of capturing unemployment allowance due and unemployment paid may also need to be addressed.
5. **Retrieving Information:** What will be the alternative source for the (electronic) job card holder, especially illiterates to access information on his electronic card besides the hand held device. The States may need to identify access transaction points for the common man.
6. **Auditing:** In case of electronic capturing of transactions, the procedures for audit may need to be clarified.
7. **Time frame:** it is urged that the time frame (PERT Chart) should be followed.

**State Specific action required:**

1. **The State Government of Kerala** is requested to expedite initiation of the pilot project and share the progress updates with the Ministry.
2. **The State Government of Andhra Pradesh** may present their ICT presentation to the Ministry at a time mutually convenient to both ICT and Ministry.