

NoJ-11060/05/2011 – MGNREGA-I
Government of India
Ministry of Rural development
Department of Rural Development
(Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Division)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi,
Dated 5th September, 2011

To,

All State Principal Secretaries / Secretaries of Rural Development

Subject: Speedy disbursal of payments to workers under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA – arrangements with Post Offices.

Dear Sir/Madam

Ministry has been following up with Department of Posts to facilitate the process of operationalisation of disbursement of wages through Post Offices to MGNREGA workers. There are various issues which have been raised by State Governments as well as Department of Post. These issues are summarized as below:

SN	Issues	Reply of Post Department	Action required to be taken by States
Issue raised by states			
1.	Cash limit & line limit of Branch Post Offices and sub-Post offices is not adequate.	Chief Post Master Generals(CPMGs) have already been authorized by Department of Post to enhance the maximum cash limits of BOs & SOs and line limit wherever required vide communication No, 25-10/2005 FS Vol. II dated 3 rd July, 2008 (copy enclosed)	State Government should identify such Branch Post Offices and sub-Post offices and take up the matter with concerned CPMG under intimation to this Ministry.
2.	Inadequate staff in Post Offices and sub-Post offices	--	State Government should identify such Branch Post Offices and sub-Post offices where additional staff is required and inform this Ministry.
3	Head Post office for 2-3 districts which results in delay of payment of wages.	--	State Government may inform to this Ministry of such instances where delay has been caused in wage payment due to this.,
4	Branch Post Offices and sub-Post offices are to have accounts with same bank in which Head Post Office is having accounts	--	State Governments to indicate the specific instances so that matter could be taken with Postal Authorities.

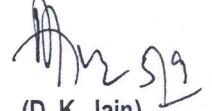
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Points highlighted by Postal Authorities		
5	A balance amount equivalent to one month's average payments made to MGNREGA workers may be deposited with Head Post Office at District to overcome the problem of gap between release of cheque & actual availability of fund with post offices.	--
6	In cases where Post Offices are finding difficult in arrangement for transporting money and approaching District Administration for the same, necessary arrangements may be made by the District Administration for transporting the money.	--
7	In disturbed areas or where law & order situations warrants so, necessary security cover may be provided to Post Offices while transporting the money.	--

All the State Governments are, therefore, advised to (a) provide necessary arrangement for transporting money and (b) also to provide security cover in the disturbed areas as and when post office administration approaches district administration for the same. Advisory dated 16th August, 2011 may please be referred to.

All the State Governments are, therefore, advised to provide necessary assistance to postal authorities as indicated above as and when post offices approaches district administration for the same. Further, **all the State Governments are also advised to provide requisite necessary information sought under point no. 1 to 4 above latest by 8th September, 2011 positively.**

Yours faithfully,



(D. K. Jain)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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