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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 9th August, 2011

To,
The Principal Secretary,
Planning Department,
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai -400 032.

Sir,

This is in reference to the meeting of the Empowered Committee to discuss and scrutinize a revised Labour Budget Estimates 2011-12, submitted by Government of Maharashtra held on 05.08.2011 at Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development.

2. The approved minutes of the Empowered Committee meeting are enclosed for kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl: As above.

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- (i) PPS to Secretary, Rural Development. FTS- 47689/2011
- (ii) PPS to AS&FA, Rural Development. FTS- 47690/11
- (iii) PS to JS (MGNREGA) Rural Development. FTS- 47691/11

Minutes of the meeting of Empowered Committee to scrutinize and discuss
Revised Labour Budget of Maharashtra for 2011-12.

A meeting of the Empowered Committee to discuss and scrutinize the revised Labour Budget (LB) estimates for Maharashtra for FY 2011-12 was held on 5th August, 2011 at 9.30 AM under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India in his chamber (Room No.199D), Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. AS&FA, Joint Secretary (MGNREGA), Principal Secretary (EGS), Government of Maharashtra, JD (MGNREGA) and US (MGNREGA) participated in the meeting.

2. Principal Secretary (EGS), Maharashtra presented the revised LB before the Committee and explained that due to various steps taken by the Govt. of Maharashtra during later half of FY 2010-11 and 1st quarter of FY 2011-12, the State has been able to meet demand for work and achieve employment generation of 327.8 lakh person-days (up to June, 2011) against the existing agreed to Labour Budget of 183.81 lakh person-days for the whole FY 2011-12. The total cost of person-days generation upto June 2011 is Rs.757.86 crore against the agreed to cost of Rs. 412.40 crore for the whole year.

3. Keeping in view the improved performance of MGNREGA in the State of Maharashtra, Principal Secretary (EGS), Govt. of Maharashtra requested the Committee to revise the existing Labour Budget from 183.81 lakh person-days generation to 793.81 lakh person-days till March, 2012 at a total cost of Rs. 1,780.9 crore.

4. Referring to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Maharashtra's letter dated 30.05.2011, As & FA observed that the State had delinked the cost norms of MGNREGA wells from the costs of wells constructed under State EGS which was not in accordance with the provisions of the Act and guidelines issued thereunder. Principal Secretary (EGS), Govt. of Maharashtra clarified that there is no difference in either the SOR's or cost norms for wells under the EGS of the State and those under MGNREGA. However, under the EGS of State, there was a ceiling on the expenditure to be borne upon the State exchequer which is not the case in MGNREGA. The Committee observed that delinking SOR's of MGNREGA works from that of State EGS is not in accordance with the MGNREGA guidelines and advised the State Govt. to ensure that same SOR's is being followed for both.

5. The Committee discussed the proposed LB of Maharashtra and agreed to revise the existing LB. As per the revised agreed to LB for FY 2011-12, the State would generate 600

lakh person-days at a total cost of Rs. 1,346.22 crore. The corresponding Central Share would be Rs. 1,292.37 crore. It was also decided that the agreed to Central Assistance would be released subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Pending UCs and Audit Reports for all the districts have to be submitted and accounts settled before requesting release of next tranche of Central Assistance;
- (ii) Complete operationalization of State Employment Guarantee Fund by end September, 2011;
- (iii) Updation and fully operationalization of MIS by October 31st, 2011.

6. The Committee decided that if the need arises, the State could once again request the MoRD for a further revision.

7. Principal Secretary (EGS), Govt. of Maharashtra agreed to the conditions as specified in para 5 (i) to (iii) above and assured the Committee that these conditions would be complied with as per the time line fixed by the Committee. It was also decided that State Government of Maharashtra would submit revised district-wise and month-wise break up of (a) total cost, (b) Central share, (c) person-days to be generated, (d) households registered in accordance with para 5 above to enable this Ministry to assess the quantum of next release of Central share.

8. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.