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To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary/Commissioner
Department of Rural Development (Incharge of MGNREGA)
All States/UTs.

Subject: Convergence of Planning Activities at the Gram Panchayat Level – reg.

Sir/Madam,

All the Gram Panchayats in the country prepare Labour Budget under MGNREGS, following a participatory planning process. States have prescribed detailed guidelines for Gram Panchayat Development Planning (GPDP) which envisage a single integrated planning process for all the resources over which Gram Panchayats have command.

2. As of now planning cycles of FFC grant and MGNREGS are different, taking place at different points of time. This affects possibilities of synergy, convergence, and most importantly, taking a holistic view of the development needs of the Gram Panchayats. Therefore, there is a strong need to synchronise and harmonise the planning processes of all programmes at the level of the Gram Panchayats. The following guidelines are prescribed:

- (i) MGNREGS Plan for 2016-17 has already been prepared. Therefore, for preparation of the non-MGNREGS part of the plan for 2016-17, the needs assessment made under MGNREGS for the current year may suitably be utilized.
- (ii) Planning for the year 2017-18 shall be mandatorily synchronized. Plans for utilizing the FFC grants and MGNREGS will follow the same cycle. The situation analysis and need analysis should be common.
- (iii) The Plan Teams for MGNREGS and Resource Groups for the GPDP at the Gram Panchayat and Block levels need to be harmonised and made into a single group for integrated planning.
- (iv) Support structures at the Block, District and State levels need to be harmonised and made into a single entity with tasks covering both streams of planning.

