

Most Immediate
Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement

F. No. B-18015/9/2016-MGNREGA-IV
Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 26th May, 2016

To,

**All the Principal Secretaries/Secretaries-in-charge
of MGNREGA/Commissioner(MGNREGA) of all States and UTs.**

Subject: Payment of Compensation for delayed payment of wages to the workers in compliance with the Judgement passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the Writ Petition (C) No. 857 of 2015 (Swaraj Abhiyan-(III) vs. Union of India & Ors.) on 13th May, 2016.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to request you to refer to the above Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India (copy available in the MGNREGA website www.nrega.nic.in) under "What's New".

2. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the above Judgement has, inter-alia, passed the directions as under:-

"The Government of India is directed to ensure that compensation for delayed payment is made over to the workers whose wages have been delayed beyond 15 days as postulated by paragraph 29 of Schedule II of the NREG Act and the Guidelines for Compensation formulated pursuant thereto".

3. As you are aware, under paragraph 29 of Schedule II of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 and the Guidelines thereof:-

(i) In case the payment of wages is not made within fifteen days from the date of closure of the muster roll, the wage seekers shall be entitled to receive