

**Most Immediate**  
**Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement**

File. No. B-18015/9/2016-MGNREGA-IV  
Govt. of India  
Ministry of Rural Development  
Deptt. of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2016

To

**All the Principal Secretaries/Secretaries –in –Charge of MGNREGA /Commissioner (MGNREGA) of all States and UT's.**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.**

Sir/Madam,


May kindly refer to this Ministry's letter of even no dated 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016, and its reminders issued dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016 on the subject above. **The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has directed that compensation for delayed payment is made over to the workers.**

2. Accordingly, the Ministry has requested all states to ensure that compensation on delayed payment is made over to the workers out of funds available with the state govt by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. **However, as per MIS and as reported by the state Govts, as on date only 20 states are have initiated payment of compensation for delayed payment of wages to the workers in compliance with the para 29 of schedule II of MGNREGA 2005.** No action has been taken by the remaining 12 states which is not an acceptable situation.

3. Hence, it is requested that those states who have not initiated payment of compensation on delayed payment must start without further loss of time. Those states who have initiated payment of compensation on delayed payment must ensure that all payments due as such are paid as soon as possible.

5. **The Ministry of Rural Development has to file status report latest by 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.** Compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India will be helpful in avoiding unpleasant circumstances.

Yours faithfully

  
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Joint Secretary (MGNREGA)

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