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Dear Sir Nepal,

**Sub: Focus areas under MGNREGA- Performance Analysis up to September 2016**

With a view to ensuring effective implementation of MGNREGA in the States/UTs, the Ministry has been regularly reviewing various aspects of the programme. Based on discussions with the state representatives and monitoring through field visits, I strongly feel that the State needs to expeditiously resolve, inter alia, the following major programmatic implementation issues under MGNREGA;

- cli. Geo-tagging under GeoMGNREGA:** GeoHome Period of Wave-I of GeoMGNREGA had started in your state in GIS Pioneering Districts w.e.f 1st September 2016 during which the GeoAssets created under your States are available on the Bhuvan portal for restricted viewing. These assets will be made available for all visitors w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 onwards. States/ UTs were requested to constitute "GeoMGNREGA Working Group", to resolve all issues pertaining to assets mapping, geo coordinates, picture validation and data consistency during this GeoHome period in the respective State /UT. GWG of the respective State/UT is requested to submit the final preparedness report on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Wave II of GeoMGNREGA has been scheduled for launch on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016. In this respect extensive trainings of the officials and MGNREGA staff are to be ensured and provided with the necessary support.
- clii. Job card verification and updation on a campaign mode:** It is to be ensured that all MGNREGA job cards are complete in all respects and verified ~~before being issued~~. Time bound campaigns may be held to validate job cards and calendar for the same needs to be shared. The entire exercise had to be completed before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016. As per the MIS report, 15499 (18.2 %) number of Job Cards have been verified out of a total of 85111 (as on 04.10.2016).
- cliii. Durable Citizen Board/ Information Board at every worksite:** It may be ensured that Information Boards with important details about the work are placed at every worksite after completion of the work. The cost of constructing the Information Board may be considered to be built into the estimate. It will be appreciated if a uniform design

with suggestive content is developed at the State level and communicated to the implementing agencies for execution.

*cliv.* **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT):** As a follow up to review meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> June and 17<sup>th</sup> June, 15<sup>th</sup> July and 8<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016 a Video Conference was organized on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development. The current scenario and issue related to the status of Aadhaar camps, status of Aadhaar seeding in NREGASoft, status of sharing bank consent forms, PO verification pendency and status of ABP conversion were discussed. The Ministry advised to either mobilize the concerned MGNREGA workers at the bank branch or hold special camps.

As of now, there are 93405 active MGNREGA workers; out of which 91849 (98 %) Aadhaar numbers have been seeded in the NREGASoft and conversion to Aadhaar based payments has been done for 51970 (57 %) bank accounts only (as on 04.10.2016).

So far (as on 04.10.2016), only 1350896 number of consent for Aadhaar based payments has been taken; out of this only 1890666 (1.4 %) consent entry has been done against the workers. The information on total number of filled in bank consent form shared with banks for ABP conversion is only 1890666. Moreover, there may be many individuals who would have applied for Aadhaar but have not received their Aadhaar numbers also need to be provided with the same.

I seek your personal and immediate intervention in the above-mentioned critical areas. I assure you of fullest support of the Ministry of Rural Development in your endeavor towards effective implementation of MGNREGA in the State of Sikkim.

*Regards,*

Yours sincerely,

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