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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
(MGNREGA Division)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
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To

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

Subject: - Afforestation/Horticulture under MGNREGA, the progress in the FY 2016-17 and the planning for the FY 2017-18.

Madam/Sir,

As per para 4 (1), 1.(v) of Schedule I, of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, Afforestation, tree Plantation and horticulture works can be taken up in common and forest lands, road margins, canal bunds, tank foreshores and coastal belts. Usufruct right are to be duly provided to the households covered in paragraph 5 of the schedule I under MGNREGA.

2. The Annual Master Circular (AMC) clearly delineates the maintenance strategy for Block and linear plantations. **It is suggested that the maintenance of plantation works should be done by allotting the plants to Job card holders (maximum upto 200 plants per Household) and where ever possible with due permission usufruct rights to be provided to the Job card holders who are engaged in the maintenance of plantation works so as to enhance their livelihood aspects.** Estimates are to be prepared for plantation works including the required maintenance period (three to five years) as per the nature of plant species thereby exploring convergence possibilities with other schemes and funds.

3. During the maintenance period the payment should be done based on survival and accomplishment of tasks (watering, weeding, manuring etc.) West Bengal has issued orders regarding payment modalities for Roadside and Block Plantations which is attached for a reference. States/UTs can fix the payment rates as per their SoR.

4. For the coming FY 2017-18, States/UTs are advised to list out few economically beneficial plants species, to be planted in individual and common lands in due consultation with all concerned stakeholders like experts from Horticulture/ Forest/ ICAR/ ICFRE/ Agriculture University/ KVKs etc. Plant species should be selected as per agro-climatic conditions, market opportunities, forward linkages, income generation etc. This should be done before the start of the planning process, and once finalized the list of plant species needs to be shared with MoRD,

and also to be entered in MIS of NREGASoft through State DBA. If the State/UT decides for making provision of usufruct rights, while conducting plantation works in the common lands, in such condition these finalized list of plant species will become an informed choice for the identified para 5 households, for making their own choice during the Labour budget (LB) planning exercise. The groups/individuals/committees who are interested to take up nursery works under MGNREGA, should be properly trained for improving their skills in raising of quality nursery. The technical prescriptions for the finalized plants species also needs to be prepared before the estimate preparation.

5. To conduct the above said activities in a better manner, it is suggested to prepare a month-wise schedule of activities for plantation works with responsible stakeholders (as provided in AMC in para 2.5.2.6 for a guidance), which may become a tool for the State/UT to monitor and for the timely implementation of all plantation works.

6. For the FY 2016-17, "Roadside Tree Plantation" is one of the focus areas of the Ministry and the Ministry is regularly monitoring its progress, as per the targets undertaken by the States/UTs. The progress on Roadside Tree Plantation for FY 2016-17 is reflected in MIS report R6.25 and report relating to maintenance work at MIS report R6.21.

7. It is also suggested that the plantation works which are in the maintenance period needs to be estimated, and the estimated costs needs to be worked out to get reflected in the coming FY 2017-18, LB proposals.

Encl. : As above

Yours faithfully,


(Aparajita Sarangi) 27/10/16

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Memo No 4036(22) -RD/P/NREGA/18S-07/C6/Pt-I)

Dated 20.08.2015

From: Sudipta Porel, WBCS(Exe)
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To: The Principal Secretary, GTA
The District Magistrate, all
The AEO, Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad

Sub: Rate of Plantation Maintenance under NREGA BRIKHA PATTA

Sir,

It has been decided by the State Government to provide Plantation Maintenance wage in MGNREGA Brikha Patta Scheme at the following rate:

- 1) With survival rate above 90% of the total planted saplings and with all maintenance works complied as per estimate like watering, application of fertiliser, mulching, weeding etc:

The maintenance wage will be (1) Rs.10/- per survived plant each month for Road Side Plantation and (2) Rs.5/- per survived plant each month for Block Plantation.

- 2) With survival rate above 90% of the total planted saplings but without any maintenance works complied as per estimate like watering, application of fertiliser, mulching, weeding etc:

The Maintenance wage will be (1) Rs.5/- per survived plant each month for Road Side Plantation and (2) Rs.3/- per survived plant each month for Block Plantation.

- 3) With survival rate in the range 75-90% of the total planted saplings and with all maintenance works complied as per

estimate like watering, application of fertiliser, mulching, weeding etc:

The Maintenance wage will be (1) Rs.5/- per survived plant each month for Road Side Plantation and (2) Rs.3/- per survived plant each month for Block Plantation.

4) With survival rate in the range 75-90 % of the total planted saplings but without any maintenance works complied as per estimate like watering, application of fertiliser, mulching, weeding etc:

The Maintenance wage will be (1) Rs.3/- per survived plant each month for Road Side Plantation and (2) Rs.2/- per survived plant each month for Block Plantation.

The estimate should be for the entire period of 3-5 years (the varieties having quick maturity should have less maintenance period) and the calculated wage to the beneficiary family in a year for first 100 person-days (150 for FRA beneficiaries) will be unskilled one and rest shall be treated as semi-skilled wage. The sample estimate circulated by Government of India is enclosed herewith which is to be revised as per state stipulated rate and norm. The saplings issued in the form of Patta shall be not less than 50 and not more than 200 per family.

Maintenance wage is to be disbursed each month for the preceding month only after getting work certified by the competent person regarding the rate of survival and compliance of estimated maintenance work.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As stated


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Date: 17/07/2015

To: The District Magistrate, District Programme Coordinator (All)
Principal Secretary (GTA)
Additional Executive Officer (SMP)

Sub: Permission for plantation by the side of PMGSY roads

Madam/Sir,

While taking up roadside plantation against the roads built through PMGSY and also providing Briksha Patta to the individuals/ user groups/self-help groups is one of the priorities for plantation activities under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. Some of the districts have raised the issue of obtaining permission from the PMGSY authority for providing Briksha Patta to identified beneficiaries. It has been indicated that the district PMGSY authority in some of the districts have not extended any permission on the ground that the land often belongs to the villagers and the roads have been built on the basis of their voluntary contribution in terms of land. Naturally it is the villagers who are authorised to provide such 'No Objection' for Briksha Patta.

It is clarified that roadside plantation is an initiative for strengthening the roads built under PMGSY and the land already taken possession of by the PMGSY authority will be utilised for such plantation. Accordingly, as the nodal department for construction of roads under PMGSY, we would like to clarify that no further permission from any agency whatsoever is required for plantation of trees by the side of PMGSY roads as well as for providing usufruct rights to identified beneficiaries for using the benefits out of the trees thus planted. This clarification may be construed as en-block permission by the department for all plantation activities and conferring Briksha Patta to identified beneficiaries for all PMGSY roads of the State.

Yours faithfully,

(Dibyendu Sarkar)

Commissioner, P&RD Department