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Dear Mr. Nepal,

Date: 14.03.2017

**Sub: Focus areas under MGNREGA- Performance Analysis up to February 2017**

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;

**1. Delay in Payment of Wages:**

The Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act mandates the payment of wages within a fortnight of the date of closure of the muster roll. The Ministry has been requesting the states for timely payment of wages to the workers, who are the backbone of the programme. Despite the necessary directives to the States/ UT from time to time, the delay in wages continues to be alarming. I would like to state that, 260524 number of transactions are delayed amounting to Rs. 5154 in your state. I request to take appropriate measures to ensure timely payment of the wages.

**2. Achieving new Targets of GeoMGNREGA:**

The commendable efforts of all the States and UTs have helped in geo-tagging more than 70 lakh assets as on 07.03.2017. The Ministry intends to geo-tag each of the asset created under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA and in this regard, new targets for each State and UT have been fixed. I request you to geo-tag 503 assets targeted for your state before **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**. I would also like to intimate that assets, created under the programme after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 are to be geo-tagged mandatorily within one week of completion of the work.

**3. Job Card to all Landless Casual Manual Labourers' HH as per SECC:**

The Ministry has made a provision in NREGASoft to map SECC data with the NREGASoft data w.r.t HHs and individuals. The detailed guidelines/manual, was issued by the Ministry, vide the letter dated 2nd December 2016. In this regard, as per the MIS, total households mapped for your state are 695 (9 %) out of 7336 number of total landless casual labour households as per SECC. Out of these, 13 households have shown willingness for Job cards as on 06.03.2017. I, therefore request you to ensure provision of Job Cards to all of these households.

**4. 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. As per the MIS report, 72383 (99.55 %) number of Job Cards have been verified out of a total of 72707 (as on 06.03.2017) active Job Cards. The verification/ updation of Job Cards must be completed by **30.04.2017**.

**5. Setting up of Social Audit Unit:**

The Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act provides that, states must ensure conducting social audits as per Audit of Scheme Rules 2011. In order to report the same, you are requested to ensure updation of status of social audit units and upload the social audit reports on MIS.

**6. Seven Registers in Gram Panchayat Office:**

Proper record maintenance is crucial to the effective implementation of any programme. The Ministry realized the need to work on simplification of maintenance of records under MGNREGA. An assessment of the overall scenario of maintenance of Registers in the country revealed that, on an average 22 registers were being maintained at the Gram Panchayat level. As per the MIS report, 176 (100 %) GPs out of a total of 176 GPs have issued the 7 registers. All States and UTs are requested to please make sure that, these seven registers are necessarily maintained at the GP level. I request you to kindly ensure that all the remaining Gram Panchayats must have 7 Registers by **30.06.2017**.

In view of the above mentioned facts, I seek your personal attention to issue necessary instructions to the concerned officials for timely achievement of the targets. I also request you to send information on the above parameters. This feedback received will be crucial in improving the programme further. I assure you of full support in this endeavor in the State of Sikkim.

*Regard,*

Yours sincerely,

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