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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi Date: 5th April 2017

To

The Pr. Secretary/Secretary/Commissioner

Department of Rural Development/ Panchayati Raj

Government of (Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar and Puducherry)

Subject: Payment of Compensation for delayed payment of wages to the workers and issue of Delay Compensation rule/ advisory by the State Governments- Reg

Madam/Sir.

Kindly refer to the discussion held on the Video Conference dated 28th March 2017, on the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on the Writ petition (c) No.857 of 2015 (Swaraj AbhiyanVs Union of India & Ors) and requested to take appropriate action.

- 2. In compliance with the aforesaid direction, the Ministry has requested the State Government to take immediate action for payment of the compensation vide its letters dated 26th May 2016, 7th June 2016, 11th July, 2016 and 24th March, 2017.
- 3. As per Section 23, sub section (3) and the process laid in Section 33, Sub Section (2) of the MGNREGA, the State Government may frame rules for payment of compensation. In absence of a rule, the State Governments till the time the rule is framed, may issue advisory/ executive instruction to the functionaries for payment of the compensation for delay in wage payment. This may kindly be accorded priority and the copy of the circular issued may be emailed to the undersigned at suparma.edu@nic.in.

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Director, MGNREGA

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