



Aparajita Sarangi, IAS
Joint Secretary (MGNREGA)
Tel: 011-23383553
Fax: 011-23388207



ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय
ग्रामीण विकास विभाग
भारत सरकार
कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली-110114
Ministry of Rural Development
Deptt. of Rural Development
Government of India
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi-110114

D.O. No. J-11060/04/2017-MGNREGA (VI) (355552)

Date: 30.10.2017

Dear Sir,

J/11/4274
Sub: Progress of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA programme for the month of October 2017

This is to apprise you that, in order to ensure effective implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA programme, the Ministry regularly monitors key indicators of the programme at various fora. We at the Ministry intend to focus on improving the current implementation methodologies in all the areas of operation to further enhance the effectiveness of the programme. It is stated that the physical performance on key factors of the States/ UTs are being taken into consideration while releasing funds to them.

In view of the discussion in the recently concluded Mid Term Review Meeting, I would like to draw your attention to the following points and seek your cooperation in expeditiously addressing the programme priorities;

1. Delay in Payment of Wages:

Timely payment of wages is one of the thrust areas for the programme in the current financial year. In this regard, the States/ UTs were requested to push the 2nd FTO within 8 days of closure of the Muster Roll (MR). In your State, 13385 number of e-Muster Rolls are pending for payments beyond 15 days of closure of Muster Roll. In order to curtail the delay, the maximum timeline to enter filled e-MRs into the MIS is now being restricted to 30 days from the date of closure of the e-MR with effect from 15th September 2017. I request you to ensure compliance of the above timeline.

2. Payment of Delay Compensation:

As per the MIS, the total payable delay compensation for your state is reported to be ₹3262611, out of which ₹183378 has been paid. Amount of ₹929187 is currently due for verification. I would urge you to complete the verification of these delayed cases and ensure their payment from the available funds (subject to recovery from the concerned functionary/institution responsible for causing the delay).

3. Collection of Consent forms to seed Aadhaar with Post Accounts:

You may refer to the Ministry's letter dated 18th July 2017, vide which it was advised to hold Aadhaar camps from 25th July to 10th September 2017, with an objective to bridge the gap between the active workers and the workers who are yet not enabled for ABP. In your State, there are 13781259 number of active workers, out of which 11651462 (85%) number of workers have been seeded in NREGASoft and 7814764 (57%) number of active workers

enabled for Aadhaar Based Payments. I request you to ensure that this process of ABPS Conversion is expedited and in case there is any issue with the banks which need to be taken up with Department of Financial Services, it may be shared with us.

4. Supreme Court case:

With reference to the Supreme Court case order (WP 857/2015 Swaraj Abhiyan vs UoI and others), I would like to draw your attention to two important issues- (i) Delay in payment of wages and compensation, and, (ii) Absence of Social Audit being conducted. In this regard, a meeting was conducted on 25th August 2017, in New Delhi. I would urge you to kindly take up the above issues on priority and take the necessary required actions.

5. Completion of Incomplete Works:

As on 30.10.2017, for your State, 4150251 number of works were taken up since inception, out of which 2384421 (57%) number of works are completed. Of the incomplete works so far, 1552163 (37%) number of works were started before 31st March 2016. It is advised that these works are completed as per the timelines given.

6. Registration/ De-Registration of Accounts:

All States/ UTs have been requested to register all the agencies/ bodies receiving funds from the Centre, on PFMS for effective management and monitoring of fund flow and its utilization at various levels. In this regard, a workshop was held on 11th & 12th July 2017 and it was requested to take corrective measures for registration/ de-registration of accounts and its mapping on PFMS. We have made good deal of progress in this regard. Let us complete this exercise and freeze the number of accounts and duly register in PFMS.

7. Initiation of GeoMGNREGA Phase II:

With an aim to further enhance the transparency and accountability under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, GeoMGNREGA Phase II has been rolled out in GIS Pioneering Districts nominated by the States, based on their site readiness both in terms of resources, connectivity and manpower preparedness. The Ministry will now undertake Geo-tagging in 3 stages: (i) Before start of the work (location), (ii) During the work, and, (iii) After the completion of the work. I request you to support the testing of GeoMGNREGA Phase II mobile application and web portal, sharing the training calendar, conduct of GeoMGNREGA training and identification of works which will be geo-tagged in Phase II. There has to be a nationwide roll out of GeoMGNREGA- Phase II from 1st November 2017. We solicit your cooperation in this regard.

8. Creating a Community Cadre of Social Audit Village Resource Persons:

As you are aware that, Mahatma Gandhi NREGA is the only programme which envisages an autonomous structure of Social Audit in all the States. In order to strengthen the process, the Ministry has decided to create a community cadre of Village Resource Persons from among the women Self Help Groups members. This exercise will be carried out through the combined efforts of State MGNREGA Department, State Social Audit Unit, State Institute of Rural Development and State Rural Livelihood Mission. I request you to extend your maximum support in ensuring proper conduct of the capacity building exercise.

9. Appointment of Ombudsperson:

Section 30, Schedule I of the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, mandates the states to appoint an Ombudsman for each district for receiving grievances. On the basis of the representations received from State Governments, some provisions in the guidelines for appointment of Ombudsperson have been revised. The revised guidelines are shared with the States, vide letter dated 28 August 2017. I request you to kindly refer to the same and ensure filling up of vacant positions in your State, at the earliest.

10. Job Card to all Landless Manual Casual Labour (MCL) HH as per SECC-2011:

Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC-2011) has identified 7015985 households, in your state, who are dependent on Manual Casual Labour (MCL) for their livelihood. As per the MIS, 4015411 (57%) households have been surveyed in your state, of which 320624 households have expressed willingness to work under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. Your State has issued 7317 Job Cards to the willing households. There is a need to expedite the survey/ mapping and ensure availability of Job Cards to all the willing HHs.

11. Suggestive Framework for Citizen Information Boards and Wall Writings:

Citizen Information Boards and Wall Writings are an integral part of 'Janata Information System' for mandatory proactive disclosure of basic information to all common people and stakeholders. The Ministry has come up with a Suggestive Framework on Citizen Information Board and Wall Writings, vide letter dated 07.04.2017. In order to strengthen public disclosure of information and enhance the visibility of the programme, the Ministry has decided to collect 5 good quality photographs of Citizen Information Board, from each district, for the purpose of documentation and further dissemination. I request you kindly share these photographs at the earliest.

12. Maintenance of Case Records/ Work File:

Case Record/ Work File is a physical file maintained for each project/ work under MGNREGA. It helps in reviewing, monitoring and auditing the implementation of the project/ work during implementation stage and also after its completion. For the purpose of uniformity, the Ministry has shared an Indicative Framework. I request you to take necessary action and ensure maintenance of Case Record/ Work File for each work under MGNREGA based on this framework.

13. Popularizing 'Janmanrega' Citizen-Centric mobile app (CCMA)

Please refer to the Ministry's letter dated 17.08.2017 regarding 'Janmanrega' - Citizen-centric Mobile Application (CCMA). Beta version of this Android App is made available at the Ministry's website, MGNREGA website and Google Play. I solicit your support in popularizing the app through various fora.

In view of the above facts, I would therefore urge you to issue necessary instructions to the concerned officials to ensure better implementation of the programme. The performance on the key indicators as enlisted above is being reviewed at regular intervals. Satisfactory progress in all these indicators is an essential pre-requisite for the release of funds from time to time. An early response on the progress on above issues shall be highly appreciated. The Ministry assures you of full support in your endeavor towards improved implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

Regard,

Yours sincerely,

(Aparajita Sarangi)

30/11

Shri Saurabh Kumar Das
Secretary
Department of Rural Development
Government of West Bengal
Kolkata

Copy To: Shri D. Sarkar, Commissioner (MGNREGA), Department of Rural Development,
Government of West Bengal *114274(1)*