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**Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development
(RE Division)**

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated 22nd March, 2016

To,

The Secretary (Incharge MGNREGA),
Department of Rural Development
Government of Punjab
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Phase 8, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)
Pin – 160062

Sub.: Labour Budget of Punjab under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA for the FY 2016-17-reg

Sir,

This is in reference to the meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 16.03.2016 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development to discuss and scrutinize Labour Budget Estimates under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) for the FY 2016-17 submitted by Government of Punjab.

2. A copy of the approved minutes of the meeting of the Empowered Committee is enclosed for kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(R. R. Meena)

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5. Sr. Technical Director (NIC-RD) –with a request to get the minutes uploaded on NREGASoft (*what's new/Labour Budget head*) as '*Minutes of meeting of Labour Budget for the FY 2016-17 for Punjab State*'.



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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON STATE
RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SRDP) INCLUDING LABOUR BUDGET FOR THE
STATE OF PUNJAB FOR FY 2016-17.**

DATE: 16.03.2016

A meeting of the Empowered Committee for the State of Punjab for the Financial Year 2016-17 was held on 16.03.2016 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development in Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi. The State Government of Punjab was represented by Shri Amardeep Bains, Deputy Director, Rural Development Department. The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

2. After going through the presentation made by the State and after due discussion on various aspects of implementation of MGNREGA, the Committee made the following observations:

I. **Commitment of the State with regard to Focus Areas:** The targets taken by the State as noted by the Ministry, are as under for FY 2016-17:

S. No.	Targets for the Focus Areas	No./Length	Average Unit Cost
1.	Construction of Farm Ponds	1581	Rs. 1.60 lakh
2.	Construction of Vermi Compost /NADEP Tanks	462	Rs. 11,000/-
3.	Construction of IHHL	7825	Rs.12,000/-
4.	Construction of AWC Buildings	1063	Rs. 7 lakh including Rs. 2 lakh from ICDS programme
5.	Roadside Plantation (Length in KM)	3069.41	Rs.51,000/- per Km including 2 years maintenance

However, State will share their strategy for achieving the above targets with the Ministry within a week. By 19.03.2016, NIC – DRD will make an enabling provision in NREGA-soft for enabling the States to upload their specific targets district-wise. **State should upload the district-wise targets in NREGASoft by 31.03.2016**. This is an essential pre-condition for next release.

II. **Completion of Incomplete Works:** Since inception till 31.3.2015, the percentage of works completed is 85.25%. During FY 2015-16 (as on 16.3.2016), the percentage of works completed is 6 %. It is advised that all works taken up till 31.3.2015 should be completed



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and this Ministry's letter dated 10.3.2016 may be referred to in this regard. The State will examine the reasons for poor rate of completion of works. The State will make efforts for completing all 8952 incomplete works as on **31.3.2015** by **31.5.2016** without fail.

- III. **Public Works relating to Natural Resource Management (NRM):** Out of total works, 13467 number of works (42.51 % of total works) have been taken up as Public Works relating to NRM (Category A of Para 4 (1) of Schedule 1 of the Act) in FY 2015-16. The State needs to scale up the works related to NRM during the FY 2016-17. The State should ensure converging MGNREGA with Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).
- IV. **Creation of Individual Assets:** In order to strengthen the livelihood resource base of the rural poor, it is desirable to put adequate emphasis on creation of more and more individual assets (Category B of Para 4(1) of Schedule 1 of the Act). An analysis of the performance of the number of individual assets being created reveal that, out of the total works, 2155 number of works (6.8 % of the total works) have been taken up on private lands in FY 2015-16 (as on 16.03.2016). The State is expected to take up more works under individual category and get them completed on time.
- V. **Progress of integration and synchronization with the planning process of Gram Panchayat Development Plan.**
- VI. **Training of Technical Personnel:** State should complete the training of officials as part of District and Block Technical Resource Teams on SAMARTHYA Technical Training Manual (MGNREGA) latest by 31st July, 2016.
- VII. **Deployment of Senior Technical Personnel at State/District level:** State should ensure that Senior Technical Personnel are deployed at State/ District level to guide and monitor the technical personnel at the field level.
- VIII. **Integration of planning with SHG network.**
- IX. **Training of Barefoot Technicians:** The State will nominate 6 BFT trainers in the first week of April, 2016 for the BFT training to be held at NIRD&PR, Hyderabad. On completion of the training, State will in the first phase, train 62 BFTs in two batches and this may be further extended in FY 2016-17.
- X. **Skilling the unskilled MGNREGA workers:** The State mentioned that they have identified 504 individuals under project LIFE and out of them, 149 are to be trained under