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(MGNREGA Division)

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The Secretary
Rural Development Department
Government of Nagaland
Kohima-797004.

Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of the Empowered Committee on State Rural Development Plan(SRDP) including Labour Budget for the State of Nagaland for the Financial Year 2016-17-reg.

Sir,

Please find attached Meeting of the Empowered Committee on State Rural Development Plan(SRDP) including Labour Budget for the State of Nagaland for the Financial Year 2016-17 held on 15/03/2016 for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

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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 NAGALAND FOR FY 2016-17.

DATE: 15.03.2016

A meeting of the Empowered Committee for the State of Nagaland for the Financial Year 2016-17 was held on 15.03.2016 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development in Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi. The State Government of Nagaland was represented by Shri Kelei Zeliang, Secretary, Department of Rural Development. The list of other 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:

A. 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:

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<th>Sl. No.</th>
<th>Targets for the Focus Areas</th>
<th>No./Length in Km.</th>
<th>Average Unit Cost (Rs.in lakhs)</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Construction of Farm Ponds</td>
<td>603</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Construction of Vermi Compost/NADEP Tanks</td>
<td>133</td>
<td>Vermi Compost-0.15</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Construction of IHHL</td>
<td>14955</td>
<td>0.12</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Construction of AWC Buildings</td>
<td>74</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Roadside Plantation</td>
<td>300 kms</td>
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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 district-wise targets.
B. Completion of Incomplete Works: Since inception till 31.03.2015, the percentage of works completed is 70%. During FY 2015-16 (as on 13.03.2016), the percentage of works completed is 16.38%. It is advised that all works taken up till 31.03.2015 should be completed and this Ministry's letter dated 09.03.2016 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 incomplete works (0.18 lakhs) as on 31.03.2015 by 31.08.2016 without fail.

C. Public Works relating to Natural Resource Management (NRM): Out of total works, 4600 number of works (21.71% of total works) have been taken 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 is requested to ensure linkage between MGNREGS and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayi Yojana (PMKSY).

D. 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 reveals that, out of the total works, 517 works (2.46% of the total works) have been taken up on individual land in FY 2015-16 (as on 09.03.2016). The State is expected to take up more works under individual category and get them completed on time.

E. Progress of integration and synchronization with the planning process of Gram Panchayat Development Plan.

G. 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.

H. Integration of planning with SHG network.

I. Expediting Aadhaar Seeding Process: As of now, there are 5.61 lakh active workers, out of which 0.44 lakh (1%) have been seeded in MIS. Against the Aadhaar numbers seeded in MIS, no worker has been converted to Aadhaar Based Payment System (ABPS). To expedite the process of Aadhaar enrolment of MGNREGA workers and seeding the same into their Bank accounts, camps may be organised at Block and GP level as advised vide letter dated 23rd February, 2016 jointly issued by Department of Financial Services and Department of Rural Development. A copy of said letter was handed over to the State during the meeting. The State needs to expedite pace of seeding of Aadhaar data into the NREGA soft.

J. Skilling the unskilled MGNREGA workers: State did not submit the State Skilling Plan as only 7 HHs had completed 100 days. State may propose for relaxation in 100 days criteria which will be evaluated by the Ministry.

K. Implementation of Social Audit Action Plan: Conducting of Social Audit as laid down in the Audit of Scheme Rules 2011 is mandatory for the State to be eligible for release of funds for 2016-17. The State is expected to take the following steps:

1. Setting up of Society
2. Engagement of full time Director
3. Recruitment of core staff like SRPs & DRPs
L. Expenditure on Agriculture and Allied Activities at the District level: In the current financial year, in three Districts, viz., Dimapur (54%), Kiphire (49%) and Tuensang (57%), the expenditure on agriculture related works are below the statutory limit of 60%. Efforts should be stepped up to ensure that more works in this category are taken up in FY 2016-17 in these Districts.

M. Strengthening of Monitoring mechanism: Monitoring mechanism with emphasis on field supervision needs to be strengthened and it has to be properly documented in the State.

N. Geo-tagging of Assets and maintenance of Assets Register at GP level: State needs to ensure Geo-tagging of Assets and proper maintenance of Assets Register at GP level with effect from 1st April, 2016.

O. Annual Master Circular: Annual Master Circular needs to be disseminated to the field latest by 15.04.2016.

P. Photo Gallery of Sustainable Assets: The Ministry is launching an online photo gallery of sustainable assets. An online module for uploading photos will be developed by NIC and shared with the States soon. The States are requested to start collecting photographs of sustainable assets with details like work code, type of work, category of work, year of construction, GP, Block, District etc. Separate communication will be sent from the Ministry regarding this. The State may collect and upload 400 photographs of different sustainable assets.

Q. Online Compendium of Success Stories/Good Practices: The Ministry is also launching an online compendium of success stories. Each State has to identify 25 success stories or good practices, and upload in an online module which will be made available in the MGNREGA website soon. Separate communication will be sent from the Ministry regarding this.

3. The Empowered Committee agreed to the Labour Budget of 175.17 lakh persondays (PDs) for FY 2016-17 for the State of Nagaland. The State may always come up with a proposal for the revision of Labour Budget after September, 2016, if the actual performance exceeds the agreed to Labour Budget.
4. The State Government should furnish month-wise and District-wise Person days projection as per agreed to LB to the Ministry latest by 31st March 2016. While doing so the need for the programme in the backward areas will be kept in mind. The uploading of this information in the MJS is an essential pre-condition for the release of funds in FY 2016-17.

5. Issues pertaining to Livelihood and Convergence: Efforts should be made to improve the livelihood resource base of the poor by appropriately converging MGNREGA with other RD programmes.

6. Under no circumstances, the State will revise the approved Labour Budget for 2016-17 without the prior approval of the Ministry.
LIST OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED
COMMITTEE HELD ON 10.03.2016 FOR FINALISING LABOUR BUDGET FOR
THE STATE OF NAGALAND FOR FY 2016-17.

MoRD Officials

1. Shri Amarjeet Sinha, Additional Secretary
2. Shri Rajeev Sadanandan, JS(RH & NSAP)
3. Shri Atul Duloo, JS (NRLM)
4. Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, JS (RE)
5. Shri P.K. Sarangi, JS (RE-III)
6. Shri Prasant Kumar, JS (A&C)
7. Ms. Sudha P. Rao, C E A
8. Shri P.K. Mukhopadhyay, Adviser (Stats)
9. Dr. Kushal Pathak, Director(SAGY/MGNREGA)
10. Shri Prashant Mittal, Senior Technical Director
11. Shri Anil Subramaniam, DS (Skills)
13. Shri G.N. Sharma
14. Shri Ashutosh, PO (ICT)
15. Shri Ritesh Saxena, PO (ICT)

State Officials

1. Shri. Kelei Zeliang Secretary RD, SRLM Nagaland.
4. Shri. MOTSUTHUNG LOTHA, SMD, SRLM NAGALAND.
5. Mr. M. ROLLAN LOTHA, COO (program), SRLM, Nagaland
6. Mr. MENUONEITUO CHADICOO (skills & livelihoods)
7. Ms.Imonenla Phom, SPM, SRLM, Nagaland.