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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated: 30th March, 2016

To
The Commissioner
Rural Development Department
Government of Chhattisgarh
Raipur - 492001

Sir,

This is in reference to the meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 22.03.2016 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 FY 2016-17 submitted by Government of Chhattisgarh.

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

Yours faithfully,

(Ajay Kumar Sumbly)
Deputy Secretary (MGNREGA)

Encl: as above

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Shri P.K. Mittal, Sr. Technical Director, NIC-DRD- with a request to get the minutes uploaded on NREGA Soft as “Minutes of meeting of Labour Bedget 2016-17 for Chhattisgarh under What’s New Section and Circular>Planning>Labour Budget”. 
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON STATE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SRDP) INCLUDING LABOUR BUDGET FOR THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH FOR FY 2016-17.

DATE: 22.03.2016

A meeting of the Empowered Committee for the State of Chhattisgarh for the Financial Year 2016-17 was held on 22.03.2016 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development in Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi. The State Government of Chhattisgarh was represented by Shri P. C. Mishra, Commissioner, 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:

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:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>S. No.</th>
<th>Work Type</th>
<th>New Works for FY 16-17</th>
<th>Unit Cost in Rs. lakh</th>
<th>Ongoing works (Spill Over)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>IHHL (Individual Household Latrines)</td>
<td>80000 (IAY)</td>
<td>0.12</td>
<td>53567</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Farm Pond – Works on Individuals Land (Category IV)</td>
<td>40,000</td>
<td>1.60</td>
<td>5613</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Farm Pond – Conservation and Water Harvesting</td>
<td>15,000</td>
<td>As per size</td>
<td>7899</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>DUGWELLS</td>
<td>10448</td>
<td>1.4 to 1.9</td>
<td>2966</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Anganwadi centre</td>
<td>2000</td>
<td>6.45</td>
<td>1348</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Road Side Plantation (per 200 plants with maintenance three years)</td>
<td>5,60,000 Plants</td>
<td>.00307</td>
<td>336382</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>GP Bhavan solar panel and WHS</td>
<td>1153</td>
<td>14.15</td>
<td>396</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Mini Stadium</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>51.24</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Vermi/NADEP/Azola pits (NRLM)</td>
<td>52960</td>
<td>0.09</td>
<td>1262</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>Goat shelter (NRLM)</td>
<td>4666</td>
<td>0.95</td>
<td>1173</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>Poultry (NRLM)</td>
<td>6700</td>
<td>0.85</td>
<td>818</td>
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However, State will share their strategy for achieving the above targets with the Ministry within a week. The State will focus more on individual assets and less focus on creation of huge infrastructure at Block/GP level.

ii. **Completion of Incomplete Works:** Since inception till 31.03.2015, the percentage of works completed is 62.78%. During FY 2015-16 (as on 29.03.2016), the percentage of works completed is 3.17%. It is desirable that all works taken up till 31.03.2015 should have been completed. The State will examine the reasons for poor rate of completion of works and make efforts for completing all incomplete works (1,54,255) as on **31.03.2015 by 31.06.2016** without fail.

iii. **Public Works relating to Natural Resource Management (NRM):** Out of total works, 99,706 number of works (27.73% 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.

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, 71.320 number of works (19.84% of
v. **Progress of integration and synchronization with the planning process of Gram Panchayat Development Plan:** The State will submit its Action Plan in week's time. The Planning process under MGNREGA for works of 2017-18 should be seamlessly integrated with the process of planning for the Gram Panchayat Development Plan. The State will send an action plan on the method of integration of the two processes and issue detailed guidelines for operationalizing this.

vi. **Training of Technical Personnel:** State should complete the training of officials as part of District (367 DTRT numbers) and Block (2008 BTRT numbers) Technical Resource Teams on SAMARTHYA Technical Training Manual (MGNREGA) latest by 31st May, 2016. The State will submit detailed report of training to the Ministry by 30th June 2016.

vii. **Integration of planning with SHG network:** Following from the two rounds of participatory planning, the next round must include the integration of the SHG network in the following manner; SHGs formally involved in planning for works (individual and community), SHGs participation in Gram Sabha on prioritization of works, SHGs demand for works for improving their livelihood to be included in MGNREGA Shelf of Works.

viii. **Expediting Aadhaar Seeding Process:** As of now, there are 59,97,407 number of active workers, out of which 35,41,506, (59%) have been seeded in MIS. Against the Aadhaar numbers seeded in MIS, 1,62,817 no. have 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 joint letter dated 23rd February, 2016 issued by Department of Financial Services and Ministry of Rural Development. The process may be completed at the earliest.
ix. **Cluster Facilitation Team (CFT):** The state will take up 15 CFT blocks for expansion. The State will submit revised UC to the Ministry. The State is requested to stabilize CFT project in existing blocks.

x. **Training of Barefoot Technicians (BFT):** The State will do 6 batches of 180 BFTs and deploy BFTs trained in first batch by 15th April 2016.

xi. **Skilling the unskilled MGNREGA workers:** The State needs to implement Project LIFE, under MGNREGA, in a mission mode to achieve the targets finalized in consultation with the States and duly communicated to them (if applicable).

xii. **Skilling the unskilled MGNREGA workers:** The State needs to implement Project LIFE-MGNREGA, in a mission mode to achieve the targets finalized in consultation with the States and duly communicated to them. The target/spillover of FY 15-16 will be added to target of FY 16-17 as proposed by the State in Labour Budget meeting. The combined target is as under:

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<th>FY 15-16</th>
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<td>1120</td>
<td>18595</td>
<td>19715</td>
<td>2700</td>
<td>8162</td>
<td>10862</td>
<td>2430</td>
<td>3538</td>
<td>5968</td>
<td>6250</td>
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The State has requested for reimbursement of expenditure under Skilling for Wages component. The same was approved.

xiii. **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:

   a. **Setting up of independent Social Audit Unit**
xiv. **Expenditure on Agriculture and Allied Activities at the District level:** In 18 Districts (Balod, Balrampur, Bastar, Bemetara, Bilaspur, Dantewada, Durg, Janjgir-Champa, Jashpur, Kondagaon, Korba, Korea, Mahasamund, Mungeli, Narayanpur, Raigarh, Surajpur, Surguja), 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.

xv. **Strengthening of Monitoring mechanism:** Monitoring mechanism with emphasis on field supervision needs to be strengthened in the State.

xvi. **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 in FY 2016-17.

xvii. **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. 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. State may collect and upload 400 photographs of different sustainable assets.

xviii. **Online Compendium of Success Stories:** 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 NREGA soft soon. Separate communication will be sent from the Ministry regarding this.
3. The Empowered Committee agreed to the Labour Budget of **900 lakh PDs for FY 2016-17** for the State of Chhattisgarh. 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 MIS 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 base of the poor by appropriately convergent other RD programmes.

Annexure-I
LIST OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE HELD ON 22.03.2016 FOR FINALISING LABOUR BUDGET FOR THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH FOR FY 2016-17.

MoRD Officials

1. Shri Amarjeet Sinha, Additional Secretary
2. Shri Atal Dulloo, JS (NRLM)
3. Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, JS (RE)
4. Shri P.K. Sarangi, JS (RE-III)
5. Shri Prasant Kumar, JS (A&C)
6. Ms. Sudha P. Rao, C E A
7. Shri P.K. Mukhopadhyay, Adviser (Stats)
8. Shri Prashant Mittal, Senior Technical Director
9. Shri B.C. Behera, Director (RH)
10. Shri A.K. Sumbly, DS
11. Shri Rajesh Makkar, US
12. Shri Ashutosh, PO (ICT)
13. Shri Ritesh Saxena, PO (ICT)

State Officials

1. Shri P.C. Mishra, Secretary, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Deptt. of Panchayat & Rural Development & Commissioner, MGNREGS, Chhattisgarh
2. Shri C.R. Prasanna, Mission Director, NRLM, Chhattisgarh
3. Shri Kalyan Basu, Financial Inclusion Officer
4. Ms. Namita Mishra, Consultant
5. Shri Sami Mazhar Khan, MIS Nodal Officer