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To

Additional Chief Secretary
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Government of Karnataka
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Subject: Provision for additional employment over and above 100 days per household under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in notified drought affected talukas of Karnataka reg.

I. Background

The State Government of Karnataka has already declared 62 talukas of 12 districts (listed in the Annexure) as drought affected, under relevant State regulations. As a result of the adverse affect on agriculture operations in these areas, there is a likelihood of increased demand for wage employment on public works.

II. Special dispensation in drought affected talukas

1. Currently, funds are provided to States under Section 22 of MGNREG Act for meeting the cost of employment upto 100 days per household in a financial year. As per the funding pattern, the Central Government funds the entire cost of unskilled employment upto 100 days per household and 75% of the corresponding cost of materials (including semi-skilled and skilled employment). The cost of employment over and above 100 days, if any, is borne by respective State Governments.
2. In view of the likelihood of increased demand for employment on public works due to the drought situation, it has been decided, under Section 3(4) of MGNREGA, to provide upto 50 days of additional employment in notified drought affected Talukas in the financial year 2016-17.