Most Immediate
Hon’ble Supreme Court Judgement

F. No. B-18015/9/2016-MGNREGA-IV
Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 17th May, 2016

To,

All the Principal Secretaries/Secretaries-in-charge
of MGNREGA/Commissioner(MGNREGA) of all States and UTs.

Subject: Establishment of the State Employment Guarantee Council under Section 12 of the Act before 25th June in compliance with the Judgement passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in the Writ Petition (C) No. 857 of 2015 (Swaraj Abhiyan-(III) vs. Union of India & Ors.) on 13th May, 2016.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to request you to refer the above Judgement of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India (copy available in the MGNREGA website www.nrega.nic.in) under “What’s New”.

2. The Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in the above Judgement has, inter-alia, passed the directions as under:-

“The Government of India is directed to proactively request the State Government to establish the State Employment Guarantee Council under Section 12 of the Act within a period of 45 days from today. The effective implementation of the NREGA Act will certainly not be possible unless these monitoring and reviewing authorities faithfully and urgently established by the Government of India and the State Governments.”.

3. As you are aware, under Section 12 of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005, there is provision for constitution of State Employment Guarantee Council by each state for purpose of regular monitoring and reviewing the implementation of this Act.

4. In compliance with the aforesaid directions of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India and in accordance with Section 12 of the Mahatma Gandhi
NREGA 2005, you are requested to kindly take immediate action for establishment of SEGC, in case it has not been established. You are also requested to convene a meeting of SEGC within a period of two months and send the minutes of the meeting to the Joint Secretary, MGNREGA, Govt of India..

5. This may be accorded "Top Priority".

Yours faithfully,

(D. K. Singh)
Director (MGNREGA)

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