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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated: 6th March, 2017

To,

Addl. Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries
Rural Development Department/ Panchayati Raj Department
(In-Charge MGNREGA)
All States & UTs

Sub: Rural connectivity under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA; regarding
taking up of Cement Concrete (CC) roads and Gravel/ WBM
roads.

Madam/Sir,

Schedule I para 4.IV (ii) of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005, allows 'Providing all weather rural road connectivity to unconnected villages and to connect identified rural production centres to the existing pucca road network; and construction of pucca internal roads or streets including side drains and culverts within a village' The Annual Master Circular FY 2016-17 (2.5.2.8 (e)) further emphasizes that the '...rural road connectivity will be usable in all weather, only when the required technical inputs are given & compaction at optimum moisture content with power roller are carried out'. The need for quality of work of roads also has been reiterated in the AMC at para 2.5.3.2, whereas it has been mentioned that Cement Concrete (CC) roads should be functionally durable for 10 - 15 years and gravel/WBM roads for 5 - 10 years.

The Ministry has made training materials available as well as facilitated training for different works to be taken up under MGNREGA including rural connectivity. Nevertheless, it has been found that repetitive constructions over the same stretch of road are being taken up even much before the designed

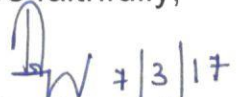
serviceability period, which indicates poor adherence to technical specifications and quality control during construction process.

The Ministry has issued guidelines for construction of non-PMGSY roads vide circular no. P - 17026/ 1 /2015 - RC dated 17/11/2016 for all weather road connectivity to non-PMGSY habitations, under MGNREGS. The States may kindly ensure adherence to the prescribed standards as laid down in the guideline.

The States are further requested to ensure that the Implementation Agencies do not take up repetitive road construction activity for at least 5 years, in case of gravel/WBM roads and at least for 10 years in case of CC roads under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA on the same stretch on which road construction work has been done earlier.

A certificate to this effect will be obtained from the concerned technical personnel and kept as part of work file. States are requested to bring this to the knowledge of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,



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Joint Secretary (MGNREGA)

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