To  
Commissioner/Secretary/Principal Secretary  
Department of Rural Development  
Government of Kerala  
Thiruvananthapuram  

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 14 Districts of Kerala- reg.

I. Background  
The State Government of Kerala has declared 14 Districts of Kerala (listed in the Annexure) as meteorologically drought affected on account of deficit of South-west and prevailing deficit in Northeast Monsoon during 2016, under relevant State regulations. As a result of the adverse impact 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/Mandalas/Areas
1. Currently, funds are being provided to the 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 Districts in the financial year 2016-17.
3. This additionality is subject to the following conditions:

(i) There is a Labour Budget (LB) which has been agreed to by the states and Central Government for the current financial year. LB includes an approved Shelf of Projects. Works will be taken up from this approved shelf. Initially, funds will be provided to States as per agreed to LB from where they will continue to meet the expenditure on account of providing employment upto 100 days and also for the increased number of days in notified areas;

(ii) If the approved shelf of projects in the agreed to LB is not adequate for meeting the increased demand for employment, a supplementary list, in accordance with the procedure to be followed for preparing the shelf of projects, will be prepared. However, works specified in para 4 of Schedule I of the Act as notified on 3rd January, 2014 may be considered for inclusion in the supplementary list. Priority for works in the supplementary list shall be determined by each Gram Panchayat in meetings of the Gram Sabha and the Ward Sabha. However, states will make efforts to convince Gram Sabhas/ Gram Panchayats to give higher priority to drought proofing works including works relating to water and soil conservation in line with the objectives of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY);

(iii) Proposals for a revision of LB, if required, may be submitted by States in the same format and following the same procedure as for original LB. Based on an assessment of demand for employment, potential for providing employment on ongoing works and other factors, the Empowered Committee Chaired by Secretary, Department of Rural Development will take a decision on the proposal;

(iv) All other non-negotiables (conditions on use of machinery, wage material ratio, ban on contractors etc) and the stipulated processes in MGNREGA (such as 50% of the works in terms of cost to be assigned to Panchayats for implementation, wage rate, muster rolls, Social Audit, etc) will continue to apply.

III. MIS

(i) Currently, NREGASoft does not allow data entries for employment above 100 days to a HH in a financial year unless specifically requested for by the State. In view of the decision referred to above, NREGASoft is being appropriately modified to allow entries for employment to registered HHs upto 150 days in notified tehsils.

(ii) In addition to the existing arrangements for keeping details of employment upto 100 days, NREGASoft will keep separate details of expenditure on account of
employment cost (wages and material separately) upto 50 days beyond the stipulated 100 days.

IV. Audit of Accounts and SEGF

The scheme funds including SEGF will be audited in accordance with the provisions of the Act and instructions/guidelines issued by the Central Government from time to time. Accounts of Implementing Agencies and SEGF will show separately, expenditure incurred on account of raising the limit from 100 to 150 days. The Auditor will also certify whether the funds released have been utilized in accordance with the norms/guidelines and whether funds required to be credited by States in SEGF have been done or not.

Yours faithfully,

(Aparajita Sarangi)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India
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Encl: as above

Copy to
1. The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare, Government of India
2. Senior Director (Technical), NIC, Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development to take necessary action in respect of MIS
3. All Officers/Sections/Consultants in MGNREGA Division of Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi, to take necessary follow-up action
GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT—ALL DISTRICTS OF KERALA—DECLARED AS DROUGHT AFFECTED—ORDERS ISSUED

DISASTER MANAGEMENT (REVENUE) DEPARTMENT

G. O. (P) No. 555/2016/DMD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 31st October, 2016.


3. Minutes of Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) held on 28-10-2016.
ORDER

After careful evaluation of the deficit in South West Monsoon season, the prevailing deficit in the North East Monsoon season, ground water condition and other available early indicators of impending drought severity in the State, the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) has recommended for the declaration of drought in all districts in the State.

(2) Based on the decision of the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, all 14 districts in the State are declared as meteorologically drought affected.

By order of the Governor,

P. H. KURUM,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To

All Secretaries.
All District Collectors.
The Commissioner of Land Revenue, Thiruvananthapuram.
All Members of KSDMA.
All Heads of Departments in State Government.
The Member Secretary, KSDMA, Revenue Complex,
Thiruvananthapuram.
The Principal Accountant General (Audit) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Accountant General (A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
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Copy to

PS to Chief Minister.
PS to All Ministers.
Additional Secretary to Chief Secretary.
CA to Deputy Secretary (Revenue and DM).
CA to Principal Secretary (Revenue and DM).
Revenue K1, K2 and K4 units (for necessary action).
### Northeast Monsoon Rainfall 2018

**Meteorological Centre Thiruvanthapuram**

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D.O. No. 2238/Misc./2017/CSO dated, 27.02.2017

My dear Shri... Jr.

As you are aware, Kerala is experiencing unprecedented drought. The details regarding deviation in rainfall during southwest and northeast monsoons 2016 are attached herewith.

Since both the monsoons failed, based on the decision of the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, Government have declared all the districts as drought affected in accordance with the guidelines issued by National Disaster Management Authority. I am enclosing a Gazette Notification issued by Government of Kerala on the subject.

In this context, may I request you to instruct the Ministry of Rural Development to permit Kerala to provide up to 150 days work under MGNREGS as was done in the case of Tamil Nadu.

Yours sincerely,

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