To
Principal Secretary/Secretary/Commissioner
Department of Rural Development
Government of Odisha
Bhubaneshwar

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 areas of Odisha

I. Background
The Government of Odisha has declared 5958 villages under 1097 Gram Panchayats of 70 Blocks in 15 Districts of Odisha as drought affected on account of deficit in rainfall, decline in the availability of the ground and surface water and poor crop conditions, during Kharif 2017 (notification copy enclosed), 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/hit Areas
1. Currently, funds are being provided to the States/UTs 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/UT 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 regions in the financial year 2017-18.
3. This additionality is subject to the following conditions:

(i) There is a Labour Budget (LB) which has been agreed to by the states/UTs 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 works specified in Schedule I of the Act. 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/UTs 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/UT. 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
Phone: 011-23383553
Fax: 011-23388207

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
Subject:- Provision of additional 50 days of work under MGNREGA in the drought affected area – reg.

The undersigned is directed to say that the Government of Odisha has declared drought during Kharif 2017 in 5958 Villages under 1097 Gram Panchayats of 70 Blocks in 15 Districts of the State vide the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Odisha Notification No.6416 dated 25.10.2017. A copy of letter dated 09.01.2018 received from Govt. of Odisha alongwith the aforesaid notification dated 25.10.2017 is sent herewith with the request to extend the benefit of additional 50 days of employment under MGNREGA in the drought affected areas.

2. This issues with the approval of the Joint Secretary (Drought Management).

Encl.: A/a.

(B.P.Bimal)
Under Secretary to Government of India
Tele No. (011) 23382922
Email: bp.bimal@gov.in

The Secretary,
Ministry of Rural Development,
Deptt. of Rural Development,
Krishi Bhawan,
New Delhi.

[Signature]

Copy for information to the Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar. 751001.

No. II-NREGS-51/10-522 /PR&DW Dated: 9/1/18

From
Deoranjan Kumar Singh, IAS
Principal Secretary to Government
Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department,
Government of Odisha.

To
The Additional Secretary, (Drought Management) &
Central Drought Relief Commissioner,
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare,
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare,
Government of India, KrishiBhawan,
New Delhi.


Ref: Letter No. 6802/ R & DM (DM) dated 9th November, 2017 of Special Relief Commissioner and Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt., R & DM Deptt., Govt of Odisha.

Sir,

With reference to the above cited letter, I am to say that the State Government have declared 5958 villages under 1097 Gram Panchayats of 70 Blocks in 15 Districts of the State as drought affected vide the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Government of Odisha Notification No. 6416 dated 25.10.2017 keeping in view the conditions arising from rainfall deficiency, decline in the availability of the ground and surface water, poor crop conditions & after ascertaining the distress situation in the area affected by these conditions through crop field verification. As a result of the adverse impact on agriculture operation in these areas, there is increased demand for wage employment in public works.

In order to mitigate the drought situation and to prevent distress migration, a large number of labour intensive works under MGNREGS are being taken up to provide employment to the deserving & needy households in the works like: (i) Renovation of traditional water bodies, (ii) Creation of large water tanks in every
affected Gram Panchayat wherever feasible, (iii) Construction of Check dams, Water Harvesting Structures, Diversion weirs, Earthen dams etc, (iv) Construction of Farm Ponds, Multi Purpose Farm Ponds and excavation of dug wells in the individual land, (v) Land development in the individual lands and above all providing individual assets under MGNREGS.

Thus in view of exigencies arising due to the drought situation, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is requested to declare 5958 villages under 1097 GPs of 70 Blocks in 15 Districts of the State as drought affected and to recommend Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India to make an enabling provision in the NREGSSoft for payment of wages for additional 50 days over and above the 100 days (100+50+50) for the financial year 2017-18 to provide livelihood security to the drought affected people.

An early action is solicited.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

Principal Secretary to Government

Enclosures:

2- Notification No. 6416/R&DM(DM) of Govt of Odisha Date.25-Oct-17 RDM-RLF-DROT-0031-2017
   - (Annexure – “B”)

Copy communicated to:

2. Principal Secretary, R & DM Department for information and necessary action.
3. Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers Empowerment Department for information and necessary action.
4. SRC & Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government (Disaster Management Department) for information and necessary action.
From
Bishnupada Sethi, IAS
Special Relief Commissioner & Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government (Disaster Management)

To
The Additional Secretary (Drought Management) &
Central Drought Relief Commissioner
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Government of India,
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Sub: Declaration of Drought during Kharif, 2017

Sir,

The State of Odisha experienced inadequate rainfall and its uneven distribution in different parts during the crucial months of July and August 2017. This resulted in moisture stress situation causing damage to Kharif crops especially the paddy crops. After due assessment through field verification, the State Government has declared 5958 villages under 70 Blocks and 84 Wards under 11 ULBs in 15 districts covering 3.17 lakh hectares of crop area as drought affected and issued necessary notification authorizing the Collectors to undertake relief measures in the notified areas. A copy of the “Report on Drought 2017” which contains the notification is sent herewith for favour of information.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Special Relief Commissioner & Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government (Disaster Management)

Memo No. 6802 R&DMM (DM) Date: 9/11/2017
Copy along with a copy of the report on Drought 2017 forwarded to Joint Secretary (DM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Disaster Management Division, Govt. of India, C Wing, 3rd Floor, NDCC-II, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi for favour information.

[Signature]
Special Relief Commissioner & Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government (Disaster Management)
NOTIFICATION

No 6416 /R&DM(DM) Date: 25-Oct-17

Having taken into account the conditions as arising from rainfall deficiency, decline in the availability of the ground and surface water, poor crop conditions, ascertained the distress situation that is likely to develop in the area affected by these conditions through crop field verification and on the basis of reports available from the Collectors of the concerned districts, the State Government do hereby declare drought of moderate/severe nature in 5958 villages under 1097 Gram Panchayats of 70 Blocks and 84 wards of 11 ULBs in 15 districts of State as per the details given below. (List is annexed)

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The State Government hereby authorizes the Collectors of the concerned districts to undertake relief measures in the notified area.

ORDER: Ordered that this notification be published in the next issue of Odisha Gazette.

By order of the Governor

[Signature]

Special Relief Commissioner &
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government,
Disaster Management

Memo No. 6417 /R&DM(SR) Date: 25-Oct-17
Copy along with the copy of the Annexure forwarded to the Director, Printing, Stationary and Publication, Odisha, Cuttack for publication in the next Extra-ordinary issue of the Odisha Gazette and supply 100 copies to Revenue & D.M.(Special Relief) Department.

[Signature]

Special Relief Commissioner &
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government,
Disaster Management

Memo No. 6418 /R&DM(SR) Date: 25-Oct-17
Copy along with the copy of the Annexure forwarded to the Secretary to Governor / P.S. to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha / P.S. to all Ministers/ P.S to all Ministers of State / O.S.D. to Chief Secretary, Odisha/ P.S to Development Commissioner/ P.S to Agriculture Production Commissioner for kind information of His Excellency, the Governor of Odisha/ Hon'ble Chief Minister / All Ministers / All Ministers of State/ Chief Secretary/ Development Commissioner / Agriculture Production Commissioner.

[Signature]

Special Relief Commissioner &
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government,
Disaster Management

Memo no. 6419 /R&DM(SR) Date: 25-Oct-17
Copy along with the copy of the Annexure forwarded to the Secretaries of all Departments for information and necessary action.

[Signature]

Special Relief Commissioner &
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government,
Disaster Management
Memo no. 6420/R&DM(SR) Date: 25-Oct-17
Copy along with the copy of the Annexure forwarded to the Secretary, Board of Revenue, Odisha, Cuttack / All Revenue Divisional Commissioners / Collector, Angul/ Bolangir/ Bargarh/ Boudh/ Deogarh/ Dhenkanal/ Jajpur/ Kalahandi/ Kandhamal/ Keonjhar/ Khordha/ Nayagarh/ Nuapada/ Sambalpur/Subarnapur for information and necessary action.

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