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मनरेगा प्रभाग/ MGNREGA Division

कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 3rd December, 2018

To
Principal Secretary/Secretary/Commissioner
Department of Rural Development
Government of Karnataka
Bengaluru

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 Karnataka

I. Background
The Government of Karnataka has declared additional 14 Talukas in 9 Districts of Karnataka as drought affected in the State during Kharif 2018 (a list of additional Talukas is enclosed at Annexure-I), under relevant State regulations, in addition to 86 Talukas in 23 Districts notified earlier by State for which Ministry vide Notification of even No. dated 08.11.2018 provided upto 50 days additional employment. 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. The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, MoA&FW, vide their letter No. 12-1/2018-DM dated 05.11.2018 has recommended extending the benefit of additional 50 mandays employment per household under MGNREGA in the drought affected areas for additional 14 Talukas in 9 Districts of Karnataka (Annexure-II)

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 up to **50 days of additional employment** in notified drought affected regions for additional 14 Talukas in 9 Districts of Karnataka in the **financial year 2018-19**.

3. This add-on 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 up to 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 up to 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,

(Kamran Rizvi)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India
Phone: 011-23385484

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
List of additional 14 Talukas in 9 Districts declared as drought Notified by State Government of Karnataka during Kharif 2018

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Additional employment of 50 man-days over and above 100 days per household under MGNREGA in drought affected areas of Karnataka – Regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department’s O.M. of even no. dated 16th October, 2018 vide which this Department recommended extending the benefit of additional 50 man-days wage employment per household under MGNREGA in 86 taluks of 23 districts declared as drought affected by the Government of Karnataka.

2. Now, the Government of Karnataka has declared drought in additional 14 taluks of 9 districts. Thus, 100 taluks in 24 districts have been declared as drought affected. Copies of State Government’s letter No.RDP 272 EGS 2018 dated 22nd October, 2018, along with the notification of drought declaration, are enclosed.

3. Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare recommends extending the benefit of additional 50 man-days wage employment per household under MGNREGA in the drought affected areas(100 taluks in 24 districts), as per rules.

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

Encl: As above

(B. P. Bimal)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tele/fax: 2338 2922
No: RDP 272 EGS 2018

Date: 22.10.2018

To

Shri Amitabh Gautam, IFS
Joint Secretary (Drought Management)
Government of India,
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi-110001.

Respected Sir,

Sub: Declaration of additional 14 Taluks of 9 districts as drought affected areas in the State for the year 2018-19.


In continuation to the proposal sent by this office under ref(1) cited above, this is to apprise your kind self that an additional 14 taluks of 9 districts in the State have been declared as drought affected areas vide ref(3) above and thus totaling to 100 taluks of 24 districts are declared as drought affected areas in the State. A list of the 100 drought affected taluks of 24 districts is enclosed herewith for ready reference. Besides this, a copy of the English version order declaring additional 14 taluks as drought affected taluks is enclosed herewith for reference.

Already necessary instructions are issued to the concerned drought affected districts to take up relief works on war footing to mitigate the drought situation and also to generate more number of persondays to provide employment opportunities to the rural households. To prevent rural-urban migration, more employment need to be provided for which we request you kindly to advise the Ministry of Rural Development to provide an additional 50 days of employment over and above 100 days of employment per household with respect to the 100 drought affected taluks of 24 districts. Further you may also kindly request MoRD to provide an option at State DBA login by modifying NREGASoft suitably to allow entries for employment to the registered households upto 150 days of employment in the notified 100 taluks of drought affected areas, as at present NREGA Software does not allow the data entries for employment above 100 days to a household.

Early needful action is requested in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Commissioner Rural Development
Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Dept