To
Principal Secretary/Secretary/Commissioner
Department of Rural Development
Government of Gujarat
Gandhinagar

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 Gujarat

I. Background
The Government of Gujarat has declared 16 Blocks in 4 Districts of Gujarat as drought affected in the State during Kharif 2018 (a list of Blocks is enclosed at Annexure-I), 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. The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, MoA&FW, vide their letter No. 7-1/2018-DM dated 27.11.2018 has recommended extending the benefit of additional 50 man-days employment per household under MGNREGA in the drought affected areas. (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 **16 Blocks in 4 Districts of Gujarat** in the financial year 2018-19.

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 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 up to 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 16 Blocks in 4 Districts declared as drought Notified by State Government of Gujarat during Kharif 2018

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Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
(Drought Management Section)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 27th November, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Provision of additional 50 mandays of work under MGNREGA in the drought affected areas of Gujarat.

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The undersigned is directed to say that the State Government of Gujarat has declared 16 Blocks of 4 Districts of state as drought affected during Kharif season 2018-19. Copies of State Government’s letter No. No.CRD/MGNREGA/TA/9320-9323/18 dated 17th November, 2018 alongwith the drought declaration notifications, are enclosed.

2. Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare recommends extending the benefit of additional 50 mandays wage employment per household under MGNREGA in the drought affected areas as per rules. However, it is informed that no memorandum has been received till now from Govt. Of Gujarat seeking financial assistance from NDRF in the wake of drought during kharif’2018.

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

Encls:- As above

(B.P.Bimal)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
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To
The Secretary,
Ministry of Rural Development,
Deptt. of Rural Development,
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

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Government of Gujarat. Block No. 16, 3rd Floor, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhawan,
Gandhinagar - 382010.
To,
Shri, S.K. Pattanayak, IAS
Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture & Co-operation,
Krishi Bhawan,
New Delhi

Sub: Provision of 150 days of Employment in the drought / scarcity affected area of Gujarat.

Sir,

With reference to the subject mentioned above, you are requested to note that due to insufficient rainfall in the financial year 2018-19, Govt. of Gujarat has declared full scarcity in 16 blocks of 3 districts in the state (Annexure attached). In this regard, Revenue Department has issued Gaat. Resolutions dated 29th September, 2018. The copy of same is attached herewith for your ready reference.

Under section 5(4) of the MGNREGA Act-2005, there is a provision to offer additional 50 days of wage employment over and above 100 days assured to job card holders in the drought affected areas.

In view of the above facts, you are requested to make necessary provision for additional 50 days of wage employment to rural households covered under scarcity drought affected areas of Gujarat state.

With Regards,

[Signature]

Commissioner & Secretary
Rural Development Department
Gujarat

Annexure

Copy forwarded with compliments:
- Shri. Anagjeet Sinha (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India for information please.
- Shri. Kannan Rizvi (IAS), Joint Secretary (MGNREGA), Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India for information please.
- Shri. Amritabh Ghatan (IAS), Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Co-operation, Govt. of India for information please.

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# Annexure

Particulars of scarcity affected Blocks in Gujarat State

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Declaration of Scarcity for area where rainfall is less than 125 mm

Government of Gujarat
Revenue Department
Resolution No. Scarcity/102018/48/S-1
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
Date: 29/09/2018

Ref:-(I) Minutes of meeting of Cabinet Sub Committee on scarcity has been met on 26-09-2018.

PREFACE:

During the monsoon this year, whole Kachchh Districts has reported 111 mm low rainfall. So, the Cabinet Sub Committee has considered on to be declared scarcity in Whole Kachchh District and Blocks where rainfall reported 125 mm in the State.

At the end of the final consideration this is so as follows:

:- Resolution :-

From the Date 01/10/2018, It has been declared as Scarcity in whole Kachchh District, Kankrej, Suigam, Tharad and Vav Blocks of Banaskantha Districts, Chanasma Blocks of Patan Districts, Mandal Block of Ahmedabad District.

This Scarcity Resolution has been issued as per decision taken in the meeting of Cabinet Sub Committee meeting and approval on the file.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat

-Sd-
(Dhvani Pandya)
Section officer
Revenue Department
Government of Gujarat

Encl: Annexure

To:
• Secretary to the Hon. Governor of Gujarat, Raj Bhavan, Gandhinagar
• Principal Secretary to Hon. Chief Minister, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
• Personal Secretary to Hon. Chief Minister, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
Personal Secretary to Hon. Finance Minister, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
Personal Secretary to Hon. Revenue Minister, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
Personal Secretary to all Hon. Minister, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
Personal Secretary to all Hon. State Minister, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
Personal Secretary to all Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
Private Secretaries to Additional Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary, Secretary all Sachivalaya Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
Principal Secretary (Revenue), Revenue Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
Private Secretary to Relief Commissioner and Secretary, Revenue Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
Secretary, Gujarat Legislative Assembly, Gandhinagar
Development Commissioner, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar
Chief Commercial Superintendent, Western Railway, Ahmedabad
Commissioner and Principal Secretary, Rural Development, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar
Commissioner, Women and Child Development Department, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar
Commissioner, Mid-day Meal, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar
Director of Relief and Deputy Secretary, Revenue Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
Secretary, Gau Seva Commission, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar
Collectors, Rajkot and Surendranagar
ATVT Plant Officers, Rajkot and Surendranagar
District Development Officers, Rajkot and Surendranagar
Additional Chief Secretary, Forest and Environment Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
Director, District Rural Development Agencies, Rajkot and Surendranagar
Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Aranya Bhavan, Gandhinagar
Chairman, Gujarat Electricity Board, Race Course, Vadodara
Director, Animal Husbandry, Krishi Bhavan, Gandhinagar
Director of Agriculture, Krishi Bhavan, Gandhinagar
Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
Chief Engineer, Road and Building Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
- Director, Health and Medical Services and Medical Education, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar
- Director of Municipalities, Gandhinagar
- Chairman, Gujarat State Water Resources Development Corporation, Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar
- Director, Food and Civil Supplies Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
- Managing Director, Gujarat State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation, Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar
- Chairman, Gujarat State Handicraft and Handloom Development Corporation, Gandhinagar
- Regional Manager, National Agriculture and Rural Development Bank (NABARD), Nanhalal Chamber, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad
- Managing Director, Gujarat State Land Development Corporation, Sector-17, Gandhinagar
- Chairman, Gujarat Agriculture and Rural Development Bank, Nehru Bridge, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad
- Regional Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Ahmedabad
- Convenor, State Level Bankers Committee, Dena Bank, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad
- Chairman/Managing Director, Gujarat State Seed Corporation, Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar
- All Member of Parliament (Gujarat State)
- Chief Accounts Officer, R.A.I., Office of the Director of Relief, Revenue Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar
- District Treasury Officers, Rajkot and Surendranagar, Jamnagar, DevBHoomi Dwarka
- Accountant General, Ahmedabad/ Rajkot
- All officers of Revenue Department
- All branches of Revenue Department
- Director, I. M. D., Ahmedabad
- Bhartiya Kisan Sangh, Balram Bhavan, Gandhinagar
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