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Government of India  
Ministry of Rural Development  
Department of Rural Development  
Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Division

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
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To

The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/ Secretary/Commissioner  
(In Charge of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)  
Department of Rural Development  
All States/ UTs (Except Delhi and Chandigarh)

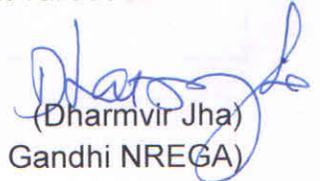
Sub: Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Annual Award 2020 for effective implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS and initiatives under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA for Annual Award-reg.- reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to inform that like previous years, Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Annual Awards will be given away to the outstanding performers in implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in FY 2019-20. The National Award will be given for effective initiatives under 11 **categories** indicated at **Annexure-I**.

2. States/UTs are requested to initiate the process of inviting nomination for State/UT, District, Blocks and GPs level award for the performance during the FY 2019-20. After getting the proposals evaluated through State Screening Committee, forward duly recommended nominations to the Ministry by **1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021** positively. Afterwards, the Ministry will be intimating the schedule of presentations to be made by the States/UTs and Districts in the Ministry. Each proposal should include detailed description as **per Annexure-II**.

3. For the categories such as (i) Timely Payment, (II) Implementation of Good Governance initiatives, (III) Highest work completion and (IV) Setting up of system for regeneration of rejected transactions. which are MIS based the Ministry will select the best performers based on the progress reported in MIS and subsequent validation.

  
(Dharmvir Jha)

Director (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)

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## Annexure-I

State Awards	District Awards	Block Awards	Gram Panchayat level awards
<b>1. Convergence and Livelihood linkage</b>	---	---	---
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2. Transparency and accountability		---	---
3. Timely Payment generation (T+8 Days)		---	---
4. Implementation of Good Governance initiatives	---	---	---
5. Highest Work Completion	---	---	---
6. Setting up of system for redressal of grievances	---	---	---
7. Setting up of system for regeneration of rejected transactions	---	---	---
8. Others (Sponsor Bank) – Timely wage payment			

## Indicative list of activities which should be described in the proposal

State Level proposals

## Category 1: Sustainable Livelihood through convergence

SI No.	Initiatives	Description
1.	Planning	This included perspective planning, annual shelf of projects and formulation of labour budget with a focus on optimization of resources of other line departments and on strengthening livelihoods in rural areas.
2.	Convergence Initiative	Achieving convergence with other welfare programmes pertaining to agriculture, environment and forestry, fishery, animal husbandry, watershed management, horticulture, health, education, sanitation, Public Distribution System, nutrition, Roads, Water resources etc. The quality of convergence between Mahatma Gandhi NREGA and NRLM will be specially assessed.
3.	Guideline/Advisories/ Monitoring of Convergence initiatives	Issue of guidelines and advisory at State level, Mechanism set up to monitor convergence initiatives/ quality of assets in the districts. Feedback system to inspect the works and improve the existing system including District Quality Monitors, Etc
4.	Adherence to Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Process	Adherence to the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA processes like starting of work on time, timely wage payment, regular inspection etc.
5.	Institutional Structure	Long term institutional structures and services delivery mechanism set up to facilitate convergence.
6.	Role of PRI	Ways of involving PRIs in bringing convergence
7.	Out put	Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Quantitative indicators including number of person days generated per household, number of convergence project taken up etc.
8.	Out Come	Long term inputs and infrastructure development for providing maximum benefit to the rural households in terms of sustainable increase in their standing of living. Indicators may include Productivity. Income of households, quality of assets etc.
9.	Innovation	Any innovation/ Special initiative by State Government to ensure effective convergence.

## Category 2: Transparency and Accountability

SI No.	Initiatives	Description
1	Information, Education and Communication	Measures taken for dissemination of information and creating of awareness in rural areas with regard to social audits and participation in Gram Sabhas etc.
2	Disclosure of Information	Timeliness and adequacy of disclosure of information, both Suo-moto and demand Eg. Display of the List of works and workers in Gram Panchayat.
3	Management of Information and IT	Use of ICT for promoting public disclosure and placing information in public domain.
4	Adherence to Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Process	Adherence to Mahatma Gandhi NREGA process like starting to work on time, timely wage payment, regular inspection etc.
5	Vigilance and Monitoring Committee	Setting up of VMCs as per guideline and ensuring their effective functioning.
6	Social Audit	Setting up of Social Audit Directorate, completion of pilot social audits. Finding of Social Audit should be published in the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA website and follow up action taken on this. Other arrangements made by the state to ensure quality and regular social audits.
7	Grievance management and disposal of complaints	Satisfying the complaints as regards setting their grievance within the prescribed time limit. Effective operation of help lines and complaint boxes. Proper maintenance of complaint registers in the Gram Panchayats, Blocks and Districts. Corrective action taken against wrong doers under Indian Penal Code. Prevention of Corruption Act, Services Rules, etc.
8	Labour Group	Formation of Labour group and their role in demand capturing awareness generation implementation of programme etc.
9	Organisation of Rojgar Diwas	Mobilization of people, grievance redressal, capturing demand, involvement of PRIs etc.
10	Ombudsman	Ombudsmen in place and their role
11	Institutional Structure	Long term institutional structures and service delivery mechanisms set up to facilitate convergence.
12	Output	Mahatma Gandhi NREGA quantitative indicators including number of person days generated per household number of Social audits held etc.
13	Outcome	Long term impact such as difference in awareness levels pre and post social audits etc.
14	Innovation	Any innovation/ Special initiative by State Government to ensure transparency and accountability.

### **Category 3: Setting up of system for redressal of grievance**

1. Establishment/ existence of an appropriate system of grievance redress, which allows for registering/ lodging complaints through multiple modes, enables the complainant to track the subsequent response and ensure disposal within a statutory time limit.
2. Creation of awareness among the wage seekers regarding their entitlements, processes and system of the programme implementation.
3. Positioning of Ombudsperson at various levels, regular conduct of meetings/ public engagement to address issues of the citizens.
4. Setting up of Social Audit Unit and appointment of Independent Director and also fair and timely conduct of social audit, submission of reports, recovery/ resolution of the complaints/ issues identified during the audit.
5. Quality and time disposal of complaints received through various channels including CPGRAMS shall also be taken into account.

### **District Level proposals**

#### **Category 4: Effective implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA by the District team:**

Proposal describing notable performance in one or more areas of programme implementation in following:

- a. Equity in terms of convergence and outcome
- b. Participation
- c. Quality, utility, sustainability and cost effectiveness of asset
- d. Accountability including inspections, grievance redressal and monitoring
- e. Office and financial management including MIS, Staffing, training and reporting
- f. Innovation which promotes effective implementation of the programme
- g. Initiatives in tackling challenging work and social environment
- h. IEC
- i. Convergence
- j. Worksite management
- k. Planning, co-ordination and Leadership

## **Block Level proposals**

### **Category 5: Effective implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA by the Block team:**

Proposal describing notable performance in one or more areas of programme implementation in following:

- a. Equity in terms of convergence and outcome
- b. Participation
- c. Quality, utility, sustainability and cost effectiveness of asset
- d. Accountability including inspections, grievance redressal and monitoring
- e. Office and financial management including MIS, Staffing, training and reporting
- f. Innovation which promotes effective implementation of the programme
- g. Initiatives in tackling challenging work and social environment
- h. IEC
- i. Convergence
- j. Worksite management
- k. Planning, co-ordination and Leadership

## **GP Level proposals**

### **Category 6: Effective implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA by the GP team:**

Proposal describing notable performance in one or more areas of programme implementation in following:

- a. Equity in terms of convergence and outcome
- b. Participation
- c. Quality, utility, sustainability and cost effectiveness of asset
- d. Accountability including inspections, grievance redressal and monitoring
- e. Innovation which promotes effective implementation of the programme
- f. Initiatives in tackling challenging work and social environment
- g. Convergence
- h. Worksite management
- i. Planning, co-ordination and Leadership