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Dear

Sir,

The Ministry has reviewed the status of implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) w.e.f 01.04.2014 till date. Based on the analysis (**Annexure**), I seek to draw your attention to the following issues:

i. Timely payment of wages: As we know, timely payment of wages is critical to the success of the programme. During the FY 2014-15 Rs 2523 crore (**96% of total transactions**) and in the current financial year (as on 27.8.2015) Rs 207 crores of wage payment (**55% of total transactions**) were delayed for more than 15 days. The reasons behind this delay of wage payment may please be analyzed at your level.

It is pertinent to mention here that MGNREGA e-payment Monitoring System has been put into place by the Ministry for tracking each transaction. This system will enable the State/ground level functionaries to track the progress of each transaction from the generation of FTO till the credit into the accounts of the beneficiaries.

ii. Completion of works: During the FY 2014-15, the percentage of works completed is **19%** and during the current financial year (as on 27.08.2015) it is only **03%**. It is desirable to hold a review for arriving at the reasons for slow progress in completion of works. It may also be kindly ensured that the works started in FY 2013-14 and earlier are completed on campaign mode. The slow completion rate is a matter of concern and has figured in the Parliamentary Consultative Committee Meeting of the MPs held recently.

iii. More focus on creation of Individual Assets: In order to strengthen the livelihood resource base of the rural poor, it is desirable to put adequate emphasis on creation of more and more individual assets. An analysis of the performance of the number of individual assets being created reveal that, out of the total works, 339740 number of works (**44 % of the total works**) have been taken up on individual land in FY 2015-16 and 265617 (**35%**) in 2014-15. Therefore, there is a need to take up more works under individual category. (Category B of Schedule-I of the Act).

iv. Public Works relating to Natural Resource Management: Out of total works, 185278 number of works (**24% of total works**) have been taken as Public Works relating to Natural Resource Management (NRM) (Category A of Schedule 1 of the Act) in FY 2015-16 and 215134 (**28%**) in FY 2014-15. The Ministry requests you to scale up the works related to NRM in the days to come. This will go a long way in fulfilling the objectives of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)

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v. **Construction of IHHLs:** As part of the goals of Swachh Bharat Mission (G), the construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) on a saturation mode shall be taken up in identified Gram Panchayats under MGNREGA to make them Open Defecation Free. So far, 93 GPs have been identified by your State for saturation purpose under MGNREGA. You may consider to identify more such GPs for saturation. Besides, the work of construction of IHHLs may please be geared up in the identified GPs.

vi. **Expenditure on works related to agriculture and allied activities:** During the FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 (as on 27.08.2015), in **09 and 04 districts respectively, the expenditure on agriculture related works are below the statutory limit of 60% of total expenditure.** Efforts should be stepped up to ensure that more works in this category are taken up.

vii. **Construction of AWCs in convergence with ICDS and other relevant Schemes:** A joint Guideline on construction of Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) has been shared with the States vide Ministry's letter dated 13.08.2015. Special efforts have to be made for the construction of AWCs in the IPPE blocks of your State under MGNREGA in convergence with ICDS and other suitable schemes. In accordance with the Joint Guidelines issued, an action plan for construction of AWCs be drawn up and shared with the Ministry at the earliest.

viii. **Organization of Rozgar Diwas:** Organization of Rozgar Diwas at least once in a month at the GP level has to be ensured for the proper capturing of work demand and mitigation of public grievances. The conduct of Rozgar Divas especially in the IPPE Gram Panchayats is highly desirable and may please be monitored on regular basis. In this connection, Guidelines have been issued vide Ministry's letter dated 17.10.2013.

May I request you to take action, as appropriate, pertaining to the issues listed above? This performance analysis based on the above listed parameters will be shared with you at regular intervals. Apart from giving you some insight into the status of implementation of MGNREGA in your State, it will also help you to carry out a similar exercise for districts and below.

I assure you of fullest support of the Ministry in your endeavour towards effective implementation of MGNREGA in the State of **West Bengal**.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

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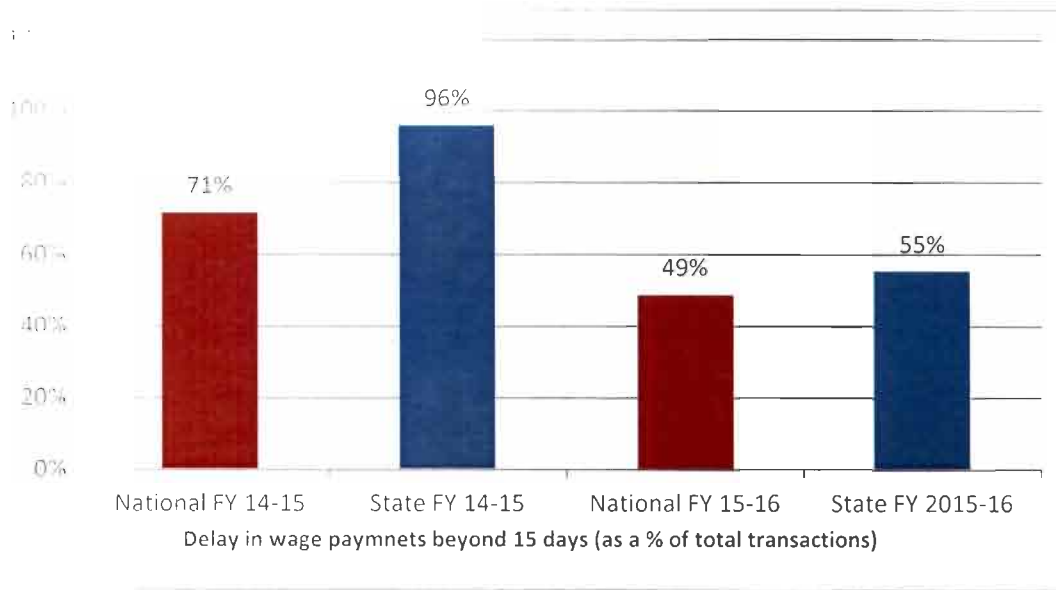
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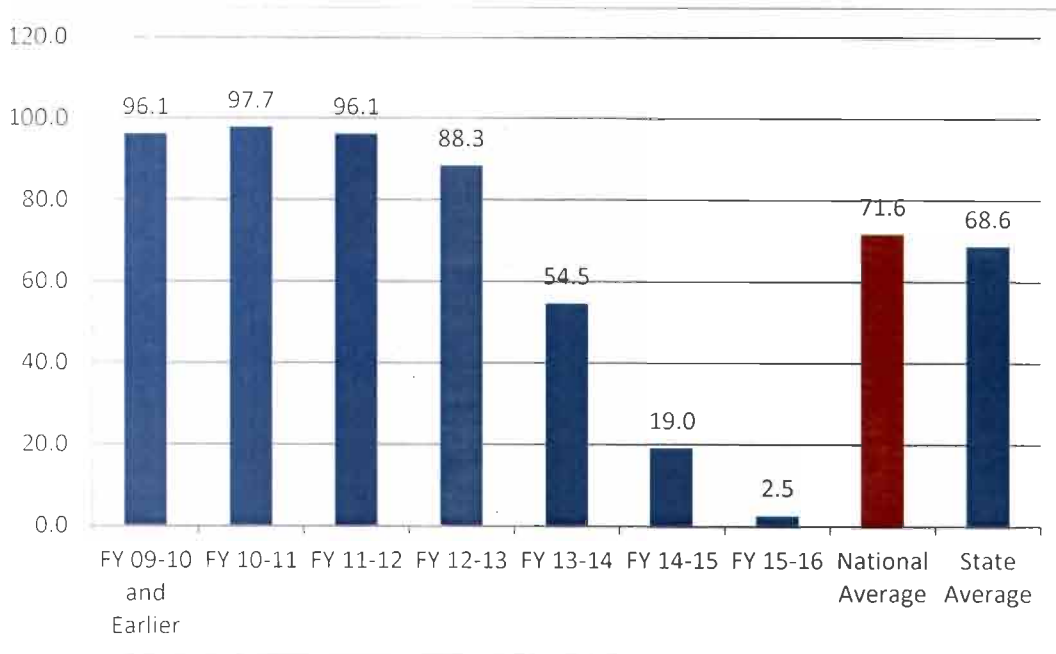
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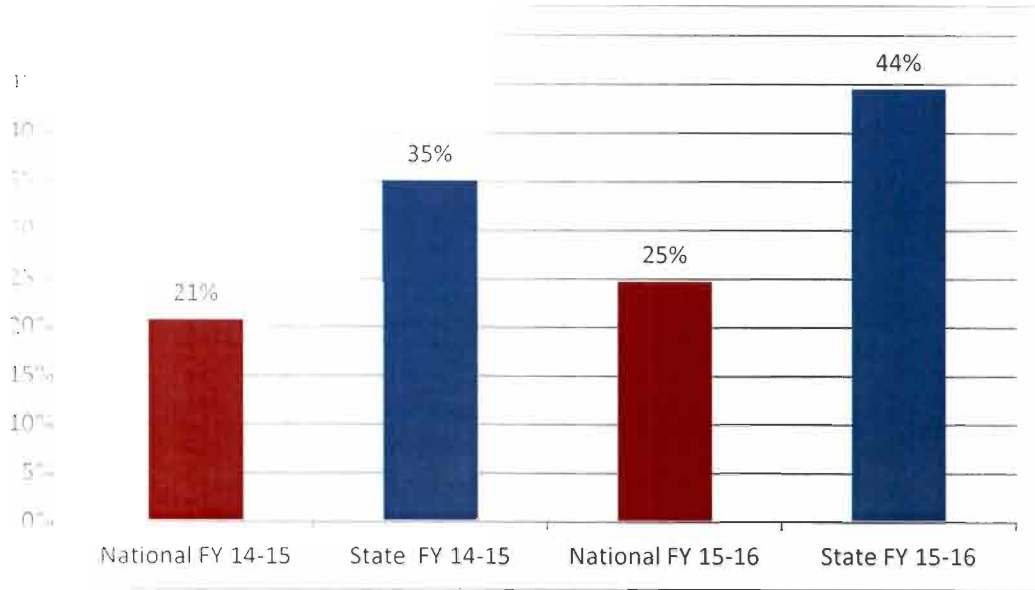
Delay in Wage Payment:



Work Completion Rate:



Individual Assets (as a % of total works taken up):



Public Works relating to Natural Resource Management (Category A):

