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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development
(MGNREGA Division)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
22 March, 2016.

The Principal Secretary
Rural Development Department
Government of Gujarat
Block No. 8, Third Floor, Sachivalaya
Gandhi Nagar-382010.

Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of the Empowered Committee on State Rural Development Plan(SRDP) including Labour Budget for the State of Gujarat for the Financial Year 2016-17-reg.

Sir,

Please find attached Meeting of the Empowered Committee on State Rural Development Plan(SRDP) including Labour Budget for the State of Gujarat for the Financial Year 2016-17 held on 10/03/2016 for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


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Encl: as above.

Copy to:

- 1) PPS to Secretary(RD)
- 2) PPS to Additional Secretary(RD)
- 3) PS to AS & FA
- 4) Consultant(Shri Ashutosh) for uploading the minutes on NregaSoft.
- 5) Sr. Tech. Director(NIC) with the request to get the minutes uploaded on NregaSoft(What's New/Labour Budget Head) as 'Minutes of meeting of Labour Budget 2016-17 for Gujarat State'.



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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON STATE
RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SRDP) INCLUDING LABOUR BUDGET FOR THE
STATE OF GUJARAT FOR FY 2016-17.**

DATE:10.03.2016

A meeting of the Empowered Committee for the State of Gujarat for the Financial Year 2016-17 was held on 10.03.2016 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development in Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi. The State Government of Gujarat was represented by Dr. Jayanti S. Ravi, Principal Secretary, Department of Rural Development. The list of other participants is at Annexure-I.

2. After going through the presentation made by the State and after due discussion on various aspects of implementation of MGNREGA, the Committee made the following observations:

1) **Commitment of the State with regard to Focus Areas:** The targets taken by the State as noted by the Ministry, are as under for FY 2016-17:

Sl. No.	Targets for the Focus Areas	No./Length in Km.	Average Unit Cost (Rs.in lakh)
1.	Construction of Farm Ponds	27516	Farm Ponds-0.20, Soil Bunds-0.18 New irrigation field channels-0.05 Group Irrigation Wells-6.50
2.	Construction of Vermi Compost/ NADEP Tanks	12986	Vermi Compost- 0.12 NADEP Tanks-0.15
3.	Construction of IHHL	75,000	0.12
4.	Construction of AWC Buildings-	33	2


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5.	Roadside Plantation	1209(length in Km.)	0.54
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However, State will share their strategy for achieving the above targets with the Ministry within a week. By 19.03.2016, NIC – DRD will make an enabling provision in NREGA soft for enabling the States to upload their specific district-wise targets . State should upload the district-wise targets in NREGA soft by 31.03.2016. This is an essential pre-condition for next release. Further, the other focus areas of the State are as under:

S. NO.	Item	Target(Units in Nos./Beneficiaries)
1.	Poultry Shelter	314
2.	Goat Shelter	1904
3.	Cattle Shed	14978

- 2) **Completion of Incomplete Works:** Since inception till 31.03.2015, the percentage of works completed is 70 %. During FY 2015-16 (as on 09.03.2016), the percentage of works completed is 3 %. It is advised that all works taken up till 31.03.2015 should be completed and this Ministry's letter dated 09.03.2016 may be referred to in this regard. The State will examine the reasons for poor rate of completion of works. The State will make efforts for completing all incomplete works (0.92 lakhs) as on **31.03.2015** by **31.08.2016** without fail.

CONVERGENCE PLAN 2016-17

Scheme / Depts	Nos. of Works	MGNREGA Contribution	Partner Dept. / Scheme	Total
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		(Lakhs)	Contribution (Lakhs.)	
PMKSY (Watershed)	3165	1170.01	974.98	2145.00
PMGSY	217	209.85	70.40	280.00
Irrigation Related Tribal Sub Plan, ATVT,	341	520.37	184.18	705.00
Rural Connectivity(Roads) 14th Fin. Commission ,ATVT	2095	1628	1973.00	3601.00
Indira Awaas Yojana	20998	3127.44	10291.68	13419.00
State Awaas Schemes	3307	505.09	1283.20	3578.00
AWC	33	66.00	165.00	231.25
Mission Mangalam (GLPC)	4422	558.63	32.68	591.00
Forest Dept.	432	429.83	145.59	575.00
Sarva Siksha Abhiyaan (Paika Maidan)	8066	1060.2	50.90	1111.00
Grand Total	43076	9275.39	15171.61	26236.25

3) **Public Works relating to Natural Resource Management (NRM):** Out of total works, 34762 number of works (24.38 % of total works) have been taken as Public Works relating


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to NRM (Category A of Para 4 (1) of Schedule 1 of the Act) in FY 2015-16. The State needs to scale up the works related to NRM during the FY 2016-17.

- 4) **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 (Category B of Para 4 (1) of Schedule 1 of the Act). An analysis of the performance of the number of individual assets being created reveal that, out of the total works, 43741 number of works (30.67% of the total works) have been taken up on individual land in FY 2015-16 (as on 09.03.2016). The State is expected to take up more works under individual category and get them completed on time.
- 5) **Progress of integration and synchronization with the planning process of Gram Panchayat Development Plan.**
- 6) **Training of Technical Personnel:** State should complete the training of officials as part of Block Technical Resource Teams on SAMARTHYA Technical Training Manual (MGNREGA) latest by 31st July,2016.
- 7) **Deployment of Senior Technical Personnel at State/District level:** State should ensure that Senior Technical Personnel are deployed at State/ District level to guide and monitor the technical personnel at the field level.
- 8) Integration of planning with SHG network.
- 9) **Expediting Aadhaar Seeding Process:** As of now, there are 17.56 lakh active workers, out of which 8.86(50%) have been seeded in MIS. Against the Aadhaar numbers seeded in MIS, 0.95 lakh. have been converted to Aadhaar Based Payment System (ABPS). To expedite the process of Aadhaar enrolment of MGNREGA workers and seeding the same into their Bank accounts, camps may be organised at Block and GP level as advised vide letter dated 23rd February, 2016 jointly issued by Department of Financial Services and Department of Rural Development. A copy of said letter was handed over to the State


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during the meeting. The State needs to expedite pace of seeding of Aadhaar data into the NREGA soft.


- 10) **Training of Barefoot Technicians:** State should come forward to start the Training of Barefoot Technicians (BFTs) with facilitation support from the Ministry and deploy them in the field at the earliest. The State Government proposed training of 4334 BFTs. This may be operationalised with 4 batches of 30 candidates each. The nomination of trainees may be communicated to MoRD to facilitate ToT at NIRD.
- 11) **Skilling the unskilled MGNREGA workers:** The State needs to implement Project LIFE, under MGNREGA, in a mission mode to achieve the targets finalized in consultation with the States and duly communicated to them. State is yet to start especially the Skilling for Wage Component training at the earliest. The target/ spillover of FY 15-16 will be added to the target of FY 16-17. The combined target for the three components is skilling 4259 youths in FY 2016-17 (Skilling for Wages-4259, Skilling for Self Employment- 0 and Livelihood Upgradation-0).
- 12) **Implementation of Social Audit Action Plan:** Conducting of Social Audit as laid down in the Audit of Scheme Rules 2011 is mandatory for the State to be eligible for release of funds for 2016-17. The State is expected to take the following steps:
1. Setting up of Society
 2. Engagement of full time Director
 3. Recruitment of core staff like SRPs & DRPs
 4. Bank account of SAU
 5. Finalization of Social Audit Calendar by 31st March 2016
 6. Notification of Governing Body
- 13) **Expenditure on Agriculture and Allied Activities at the District level:** In the current financial year, in Two Districts, viz., Porbander and Rajkot, the expenditure on agriculture related works are below the statutory limit of 60%. Efforts should be stepped up to ensure that more works in this category are taken up in FY 2016-17 in these Districts.


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- 14) **Strengthening of Monitoring mechanism:** Monitoring mechanism with emphasis on field supervision needs to be strengthened and it has to be properly documented in the State.
- 15) **Geo-tagging of Assets and maintenance of Assets Register at GP level:** State needs to ensure Geo-tagging of Assets and proper maintenance of Assets Register at GP level with effect from 1st April, 2016.
- 16) **Annual Master Circular:** Annual Master Circular needs to be translated and disseminated to the field latest by 15.04.2016.
- 17) **Photo Gallery of Sustainable Assets:** The Ministry is launching an online photo gallery of sustainable assets. An online module for uploading photos will be developed by NIC and shared with the States soon. States are requested to start collecting photographs of sustainable assets with details like work code, type of work, category of work, year of construction, GP, Block, District etc. Separate communication will be sent from the Ministry regarding this. Your State may collect and upload 400 photographs of different sustainable assets.
- 18) **Online Compendium of Success Stories/Good Practices:** The Ministry is also launching an online compendium of success stories. Each State has to identify 25 success stories or good practices, and upload in an online module which will be made available in the MGNREGA website soon. Separate communication will be sent from the Ministry regarding this.
3. The Empowered Committee agreed to the Labour Budget of 333.50 lakh persondays(PDs) for FY 2016-17 for the State of Gujarat. The State may always come up with a proposal for the revision of Labour Budget after September, 2016, if the actual performance exceeds the agreed to Labour Budget.
4. The State Government should furnish month-wise and District-wise Person days projection as per agreed to LB to the Ministry latest by 31st March 2016. While doing so the need for the


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programme in the backward areas will be kept in mind. The uploading of this information in the MIS is an essential pre-condition for the release of funds in FY 2016-17.

5. **Issues pertaining to Livelihood and Convergence:** Efforts should be made to improve the livelihood resource base of the poor by appropriately converging MGNREGA with other RD programmes.

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Annexure-I

**LIST OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED
COMMITTEE HELD ON 10.03.2016 FOR FINALISING LABOUR BUDGET FOR
THE STATE OF GUJARAT FOR FY 2016-17.**

MoRD Officials

1. Shri Amarjeet Sinha, Additional Secretary
2. Shri Rajeev Sadanandan, JS(RH & NSAP)
3. Shri Atal Dulloo, JS (NRLM)
4. Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, JS (RE)
5. Shri P.K. Sarangi, JS (RE-III)
6. Shri Prasant Kumar, JS (A&C)
7. Ms. Sudha P. Rao, C E A
8. Shri P.K. Mukhopadhyay, Adviser (Stats)
9. Dr. Kushal Pathak, Director(SAGY/MGNREGA)
10. Shri Prashant Mittal, Senior Technical Director
11. Shri Anil Subramaniam, DS (Skills)
12. Shri R.K. Sood, US(RE-III)
13. Shri G.N. Sharma
14. Shri Ashutosh, PO (ICT)
15. Shri Ritesh Saxena, PO (ICT)

State Officials

1. Dr. Jayanti S. Ravi, Principal Secretary, Rural Department Department, Govt. of Gujarat
2. Shri U.D. Singh, Additional Commissioner, MGNREGA, Govt. of Gujarat.
3. Shri Dalip Singh Gadhavi, Deputy Commissioner, MGNREGA, Govt. of Gujarat.