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Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
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To

The Principal Secretary
Rural Development Department
Government of Maharashtra
Mumbai- 400032

Sir,

This is in reference to the meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 21.03.2016 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development to discuss and scrutinize Labour Budget Estimates under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) for FY 2016-17 submitted by Government of Maharashtra.

A copy of the approved minutes of the Empowered Committee meeting is enclosed for kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,



(Ajay Kumar Sumbly)

Deputy Secretary (MGNREGA)

Encl: as above

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Shri P.K. Mittal, Sr. Technical Director, NIC-DRD- with a request to get the minutes uploaded on NREGA Soft as "Minutes of meeting of Labour Budget 2016-17 for Maharashtra under What's New Section and Circular>Planning>Labour Budget".



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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 MAHARASHTRA FOR FY 2016-17.**

DATE: 21.03.2016

A meeting of the Empowered Committee for the State of Maharashtra for the Financial Year 2016-17 was held on 21.03.2016 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development in Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi. The State Government of Maharashtra was represented by Shri V. Giriraj, Principal Secretary, Rural Development Department. 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:

i. **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:

S. No.	Targets for the Focus Areas	No./Length in Km.	Average Unit Cost (in Rs. lakh)
1.	Construction of Farm Ponds	1000	As per size
2.	Construction of Vermi Compost / NADEP Tanks	40,000	0.09 - 0.08
3.	Construction of IHHL	64015	0.12
4.	Construction of AWC Buildings	289	5.98
5.	Roadside Plantation	857 Km.	2.86/K.m

However, State will share their strategy for achieving the above targets with the Ministry within a week.

ii. **Completion of Incomplete Works:** Since inception till 31.03.2015, the percentage of works completed is 65.59%. During FY 2015-16 (as on 29.03.2016), the percentage of works completed is 6.13%. It is desirable that all works taken up till 31.03.2015 should have been completed. The State will examine the reasons for poor rate of completion of works


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and make efforts for completing all incomplete works (2,61,019 numbers) as on **31.03.2015** by **31.05.2016** without fail.

- iii. **Public Works relating to Natural Resource Management (NRM):** Out of total works, 125463 number of works (27.18% of total works) have been taken as Public Works relating 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.
- iv. **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, 194342 number of works (42.11% of the total works) have been taken up on individual land in FY 2015-16 (as on 29.03.2016). The State is expected to take up more works under individual category and get them completed on time.
- v. **Progress of integration and synchronization with the planning process of Gram Panchayat Development Plan:** The State will submit its Action Plan in week's time. The Planning process under MGNREGA for works of 2017-18 should be seamlessly integrated with the process of planning for the Gram Panchayat Development Plan. The State will send an action plan on the method of integration of the two processes and issue detailed guidelines for operationalizing this.
- vi. **Training of Technical Personnel:** State has completed the training of officials as part of District (272 DTRT members) and Block (2828 BTRT members) Technical Resource Teams on SAMARTHYA Technical Training Manual (MGNREGA). The state will upload the State specific SAMARTHYA Manual (prepared by the State) on their website and send soft copy to the Ministry at pduberkar@gmail.com for uploading on the Ministry website by 31st May, 2016. State will submit detailed report of training to the Ministry by 30th June, 2016.
- vii. **Integration of planning with SHG network:** Following from the two rounds of participatory planning, the next round must include the integration of the SHG network in


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the following manner; SHGs formally involved in planning for works (individual and community), SHGs participation in Gram Sabha on prioritization of works, SHGs demand for works for improving their livelihood to be included in MGNREGA Shelf of Works.

- viii. **Expediting Aadhaar Seeding Process:** As of now, there are 36,00,297 number of active workers, out of which 30,37,553 (84%) have been seeded in MIS. Against the Aadhaar numbers seeded in MIS, 7,63,225 no. 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 joint letter dated 23rd February, 2016 issued by Department of Financial Services and Ministry of Rural Development. The process may be completed at the earliest.

- ix. **Cluster Facilitation Team (CFT):** State communicated the status of CFT and their performance; 4 blocks are good, 5 are average, 3 are poor and 1 is not operational. The State will to continue discussion with CSOs and seek necessary documents for furnishing to the Ministry by 15th April 2016.
- x. **Skilling the unskilled MGNREGA workers:** The State needs to implement Project LIFE-MGNREGA, in a mission mode to achieve the targets finalized in consultation with the States and duly communicated to them. The target/ spillover of FY 15-16 will be added to target of FY 16-17 as proposed by the State in Labour Budget meeting. The combined target is as under:-

Combined Target as per SSP

Skilling for Wages			Skilling for Self Employment			Livelihood Upgradation			Total		
FY 15-16	FY 16-17	Sub Total	FY 15-16	FY 16-17	Sub Total	FY 15-16	FY 16-17	Sub Total	FY 15-16	FY 16-17	Grand Total
1000	10000	11000	4000	21000	25000	4242	0	4242	9242	31000	40242

State needs to put in an effective coordination mechanism at district level.

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- 1) **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:
 - a. *Setting up of independent Social Audit Unit*
 - b. *Recruitment of core staff*
 - c. *Bank Account of SAU*
 - d. *Delegation of financial powers to SAU through Rules*
 - e. *Calendar for the year*
 - f. *Notification of General Body*
 - g. *Transfer of 1% allocation to SAU Bank Account*


- 2) **Expenditure on Agriculture and Allied Activities at the District level:** In 7 Districts (Ahmednagar, Bhandara, Chandrapur, Dhule, Kolhapur, Nandurbar, Osmanabad), 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.

- 3) **Strengthening of Monitoring mechanism:** Monitoring mechanism with emphasis on field supervision needs to be strengthened in the State.

- 4) **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 in FY 2016-17.

- 5) **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. State may collect and upload 400 photographs of different sustainable assets.

- 6) **Online Compendium of Success Stories:** The Ministry is also launching an online compendium of success stories. Each State has to identify 25 success stories or good


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practices, and upload in an online module which will be made available in the NREGA soft soon. Separate communication will be sent from the Ministry regarding this.

3. The Empowered Committee agreed to the Labour Budget of **850 lakh PDs for FY 2016-17** for the State of Maharashtra. 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 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 base of the poor by appropriately convergent 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 WEST BENGAL FOR FY 2016-17.**

MoRD Officials

1. Shri Amarjeet Sinha, Additional Secretary
2. Shri Atal Dulloo, JS (NRLM)
3. Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, JS (RE)
4. Shri P.K. Sarangi, JS (RE-III)
5. Shri Prasant Kumar, JS (A&C)
6. Ms. Sudha P. Rao, C E A
7. Shri P.K. Mukhopadhyay, Adviser (Stats)
8. Shri Prashant Mittal, Senior Technical Director
9. Shri B.C. Behera, Director (RH)
10. Shri A.K. Sumbly, DS
11. Shri Rajesh Makkar, US
12. Shri Ashutosh, PO (ICT)
13. Shri Ritesh Saxena, PO (ICT)

State Officials

1. Shri V. Giriraj, Principal Secretary (RDD)
2. Shri P. Deshmukh, Secretary (EGS)
3. Shri Suman Ravat, CEO (MSRLM)
4. Shri Abhay Mahajan, Commissioner
5. Shri Jagdish Miniyar, Asst. Commissioner
6. Shri Sandeep Khodwe, Asst. Director