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भारत सरकार/Government of India

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय/Ministry of Rural Development

ग्रामीण विकास विभाग/ Department of Rural Development

मनरेगा प्रभाग/ MGNREGA Division

कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019

To  
Principal Secretary/Secretary/Commissioner  
Department of Rural Development  
Government of Tamil Nadu  
Chennai

**Subject: Provision for additional employment over and above 100 days per household under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in notified cyclone 'Gaja' affected areas of Tamil Nadu**

**I. Background**

The Government of Tamil Nadu has declared **regions of 12 Districts of Tamil Nadu** as cyclone '**Gaja**' affected in the State during North east Monsoon 2018(a list of affected Blocks with Districts 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. 38-40/2018-DM dated 14.12.2018 has recommended extending the benefit of additional 50 days of employment per household under MGNREGA in the cyclone *Gaja* affected areas.(Annexure-II)

**II. Special dispensation in drought affected/flood/ a natural calamity 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 cyclone '*Gaja*', it has been decided, under Section 3(4) of MGNREGA, to provide upto **50 days of additional employment** in notified cyclone '*Gaja*' affected regions for 133 Blocks in **12 Districts of Tamil Nadu** 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 upto 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 plantation works as communicated vide Ministry letter No. J-11060/07/2018/RE-VI dated 03.01.2019;
  - (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

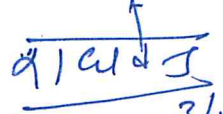
- (i) Currently, NREGASoft does not allow data entries for employment above 100 days to a HH in a financial year unless specifically requested for by the State/UT. In view of the decision referred to above, NREGASoft is being appropriately modified to allow entries for employment to registered HHs upto 150 days in notified Taluks/Tehsils.
- (ii) In addition to the existing arrangements for keeping details of employment upto 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,

  
(राघवेंद्र प्रताप सिंह) 3/1/19  
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**Encl: as above**

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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

## ANNEXURE - II

MGNREGS - Blocks Affected by Gaja Cyclone as per the Notification			
SI No	Name of the District	Name of the Taluk	Name of the Blocks Covered in the Taluk
1	Nagapattinam	Nagapattinam, Kilvelur, Thirukuvalai, Vedharanyam, Kutthalam, Mayiladuthurai, Sirkali, Tharangambadi	Nagapattinam, Keelaiyur, Kilvelur, Thirumarugal, Thalainayar, Vedaranyam, Mayiladuthurai, Kuthalam, Sembanarkoil, Sirkali, Kollidam, 11
2	Tiruvarur	Tiruvarur, Nannilam, Kodavasal, Valangaiman, Needamangalam, Mannargudi, Thiruthuraipoondi, Koothanallur	Valangaiman, Nannilam, Kodavasal, Thiruvarur, Koradacheri, Mannargudi, Needamangalam, Kottur, Thiruthuraipoondi, Muthupetta 10
3	Thanjavur	Thanjavur, Budalur, Thiruvaiyaru, Orathanadu, Kumbakonam, Thiruvudaimaruthur, Papanasam, Pattukottai, Peravurani	Thanjavur, Thiruvaiyaru, Pattukottai, Ammapet, Tiruppanandal, Kumbakonam, Budalur, Thiruvudaimarudur, Orathanadu, Thiruvonam, Papanasam, Madukkur, Peravurani, Sethubavachatram 14
4	Pudukkottai	Aranthangi, Avudaiyarkovil, Manamelkudi, Alangudi, Gandarvakottai, Pudukkottai, Karambakkudi, Kulathur, Illupur, Thirumayam, Ponnamaravathy, Virallimalai	Annavasal, Arimalam, Kunnandarkoil, Ponnamaravathi, Pudukkottai, Thirumayam, Virallimalai, Arantangi, Avudayarkoil, Gandarvakottai, Karambakkudi, Manamelkudi, Thiruvarankulam 13
5	Dindigul	Nilakottai, Natham, Athoor, Palani, Oddanchathram, Vedasandur, West Dindigul, Kodaikanal Division	Kodaikanal, Nilakottaim, Batlagundu, Natham, Athoor, Reddiyarchatram, Palani, Thoppampatty, Oddanchatram, Vedasandur, Vadamadurai, Guziliamparai, Dindigul, Shanarpatty 14
6	Karur	Kadavur, Kulithalai, Aravakurichi, Krishnayapuram, Karur, Manmangalam	Kadavur, Krishnarayapuram, Kulithalai, Thogamalai, Aravakurichi, K.Paramathi, Thanthoni, Karur 8
7	Cuddalore	Panruti, Cudaalore, Kurinjipadi, Kattumannarkoil, Virudachalam	Panruti, Annagramam, Cuddalore, Kurinjipadi, Kattumannarkoil, Kumaratchi, Keerapalayam, Virudhachalam, Kammapuram, Nallur 10
8	Madurai	Madurai East, Madurai North, Madurai West, Melur, Thirumangalam, Usilampatti, Peraiyur, Vadipatti, Kallikudi	Madurai East, Madurai West, Thirupparankundram, Kottampatti, Melur, Thirumangalam, Usilampatti, Chellampatti, Vadipatti, Alanganallur, Kallikudi 11

SI No	Name of the District	Name of the Taluk	Name of the Blocks Covered in the Taluk
9	Sivagangai	Singampunari, Karaikudi, Thirupathur, Sivagangai, Kalayarkovil, Devakottal, Manamadurai, Ilayankudi, Thiruppuvanam	Singampunari, S.Pudur, Kalalyarkoil, Manamadurai, Thiruppuvanam, Ilayangudi, Thiruppathur, Sakkottai, Kallal, Devakottai, Kannangudi, Sivagangai 12
10	Theni	Theni, Andipatti, Periyakulam, Bodinayakkanur, Uthampalayam	Theni, Andipatti, K.Myladumparai, Periyakulam, Bodinayakkanur, Chinnamanur, Uthamapalayam, Cumbum 8
11	Ramanathapuram	Ramanathapuram, Rameshwaram, Kilakaral, Paramakudi, Mudukulathur, Kamuthi, Kadaladi, R.S.Mangalam, Thiruvadanai	Ramanathapuram, Mandapam, Thiruppullani, Kadaladi, Paramakodi, Bogalur, Nainarkoil, Mudukulathur, Kamuthi, R.S.Mangalam, Thiruvadanai 11
12	Thiruchirapalli	Trichy East, Trichy West, Thiruverumbur, Srirangam, Lalgudi, Mannachannallur, Musiri, Thuraiyur, Thottiyam, Manapparai, Marungapuri	Thiruverambur, Andhanallur, Manikandam, Lalgudi, Manachannallur, Musiri, Thuraiyur, Thottiyam, Manapparai, Vaiyampatti, Marungapuri 11

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**Letter No. 29123/H2/2018-4, Dated.12.12.2018**

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Principal Secretary to Government.

To  
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Secretary to Government of India,  
Department of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmer Welfare,  
Government of India,  
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Sir,

Sub: MGNREGS - Tamil Nadu - 2018-19 - Natural Calamity due to Gaja Cyclone - Notification by Government of Tamil Nadu - Damages in 12 Districts - Enhancement of 50 Persondays in the notified areas requested - Reg

- Ref: 1. Minutes of the Empowered Committee meeting held on 27.02.2018
2. Gaja Cyclone during November - 2018.
3. This Office Letter No:84448/2017/MGNREGS-I.2 Dated:20.11.2018.
4. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Letter No:26800/CGS.1/2018, Dated. 20.11.2018 addressed to the Joint Secretary (MGNREGA), MoRD, GoI.
5. Joint Secretary (MGNREGA), MoRD, GoI Lr.No. J-12011/1/2013 (RE-VIII) of GoI, dated: 28.11.2013.(Andhra Pradesh)
6. Joint Secretary (MGNREGA), MoRD, GoI Lr.No.11011/09/2014-RE-I of GoI, dated: 25.8.2014.
7. Joint Secretary (MGNREGA), MoRD, GoI Lr.No.J-12020/02/2018/ RE-VIII(eFMS-360685), Dated:05.08.2018.(Kerala).
8. Memorandum Presented to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dated:22.11.2018.
9. Central Team Visit to the Gaja Cyclone Affected Districts from 24.11.2018 to 27.11.2018

10. Letter from the Agriculture Production Commissioner/Principal Secretary to Government, Government of Tamil Nadu Lr No:29123/H2/2018-3, Dated:10.12.2018.
11. GO.(Ms).No:481 Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Disaster Management Wing(DM.II) Section, Dated:10.12.2018.
12. Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Lr No:84448/2017/MGNREGS, Dated:11.12.2018.

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I invite kind attention of the Government to the references cited above.

During the current Northeast Monsoon, the Cyclonic Storm "Gaja" hit and crossed the Tamil Nadu coast near Nagapattinam on the early hours of 16.11.2018. As a result, many coastal districts as well as interior districts suffered the destructive impact of cyclonic winds gusting over 110 kmph. The District Collectors have reported that, the Gaja Cyclone had wrecked a heavy damage to trees, infrastructure, houses and property. The cyclone damaged dwelling houses and property, livelihood infrastructure, bunds of Tanks and Ponds due to tree falling cases, roads, over 60 lakh Coconut trees and large areas under other Horticulture crops like Mango, Jackfruit, Cashew, Lemon, Coffee etc.,

## **2. Memorandum of Hon'ble Chief Minister to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Subsequent Central Team Visits:-**

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had presented a memorandum to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 22.11.2018 and explained about the irreparable damages caused by Gaja Cyclone. Immediately, the Government of India had sent a Central team which had visited the 4 Cyclone affected districts in Tamil Nadu from 24.11.2018 to 27.11.2018 and assessed the extent of damages caused by Gaja Cyclone. Apart from that, another team led by Joint Secretary (Horticulture), Government of India Shri.Dinesh Kumar, I.A.S., and

- Horticulture Commissioner had also visited the cyclone affected areas from 04.12.2018 to 06.12.2018.

### **3. Major Impact to some districts:-**

In particular, four districts namely Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Pudukkottai and Thanjavur and the Kodaikanal Division of Dindigul district had been severely affected by cyclone and faced the brunt of Gaja Cyclone, which led to extensive damages to huts, houses, agriculture, horticulture, other infrastructure which result in the, crippling of transportation and communication and ultimately impacted on the livelihood opportunities of the rural masses. In these districts, the Coconut Plantations are badly shattered with permanent loss of livelihood for the farmers. Over 60 lakh coconut trees and over 13 lakh horticulture trees like Mango, Jackfruit, Cashew, Lemon, Coffee etc., across rural areas have fallen and such fallen coconut trees and other horticulture trees along with coconut leaf-stalk have to be cut and removed from the fields of the farmers so that re-plantation may be taken up to support the livelihood of the people.

### **4. Damages in certain Taluks of Other Districts:-**

Further, the District Collectors of Dindigul, Tiruchirappalli, Karur, Cuddalore, Madurai, Sivagangai, Theni and Ramanathapuram had reported of specific affected Taluks in their respective districts. Based on the severe of damages, the Government of Tamil Nadu has notified the Districts and Taluks as affected in a graded manner as indicated in the Annexure I.

### **5. Need to clean the debris of Infrastructure and Trees:-**

Apart from that, agricultural crops in 12 Districts have been heavily damaged due to the cyclone and caused irreparable damages to the individual farmers. Further, several rural assets like Anganwadi Centers, School Buildings, Panchayat Offices, School Compound Walls, Rural Roads, Culverts, Bridges etc have also been damaged and need



to be reconstructed. Heaps of damaged plants and debris on the lands of private farmers and common lands need to be removed immediately to take up further agricultural activity and also to prevent epidemic outbreak.

**6. Need for permission of addition 50 days of Wage Employment:-**

In view of the above reported extensive damages, the normal life of the rural public, especially the farmers has been thrown out of gear and put them to severe loss of livelihood and grief. Under these circumstances, to tide over the crisis and to set right the rural economy, it is imperative that additional 50 days of employment is given to those rural households in the cyclone affected taluks/blocks Notified by the State Government as per the annexures enclosed.

**7. Need to provide livelihood to the affected persons:-**

A large number of people are still displaced and staying in relief camps and feeding centers where the state government has been providing them food every day. The people are not able to move out because the huts and their agriculture lands are fully damaged and no opportunity is there for them to earn their livelihood other than MGNREGS.

**8. Special Dispensation under MGNREGA required for Tamil Nadu as done for Cyclone/Flood affected States:-**

Here, it is pertinent to point out that the Government of India had given Special Dispensation/ Relaxation under MGNREGA for "removal of debris" from private lands/roads as a special case under "Land Development in cyclone/flood affected rural areas to the State of Andhra Pradesh and Kerala vide reference 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> cited and issued clarifications vide 6<sup>th</sup> cited reference to all states. **It is reiterated that, the same special dispensation /relaxation under MGNREGS for Tamil Nadu may also be given for Tamil Nadu.** The

State Government will ensure that the cutting of trees and removal of debris and replantation of Coconut, Mango, Lemon, Jack Fruit, Cashew, Coffee etc will be carried in the private land based on the reports and surveys prepared by the officials of the Agriculture/Horticulture department at the field level strictly following MGNREGS guidelines. This will be undertaken in the households as mentioned in the Para 5 of the revised Schedule I of MGNREG Act. In addition to that, this will also help Small, Marginal farmers and SC/ST farmers, in a great way during the time of distress by way of relief and as MGNREGS is the only source of livelihood at present.

**9. Permission requested to remove trees under MGNREGA:-**

Hence, it is requested that **the State of Tamil Nadu may be given Special permission/relaxation under MGNREGA for cutting of trees with Power Saw using Skilled labour since most of the trees fallen are 20-30 years old and removal of the debris using unskilled labourer.** The State will ensure the maintenance of 60:40 ratio between Wages and Material at District Level in undertaking and implementation of the above works as approved by the Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development without displacing unskilled labour force.

The procedure for according of Administrative Sanction, Technical Sanction and Maintenance of M-book will be followed like any other MGNREGA works in the State. The State Government will ensure that the District Programme Coordinator/ District Collector implements the above works as far as practicable through the Unskilled Manual Labour and not with the labour displacing machines.

**10. As per para 4.2.3 of the Annual Master Circular 2018-19 and the section 3 (4) of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India will provide an additional 50 days of unskilled manual labour in a financial year, over and above the 100 days assured to job card holders**

in such rural areas where drought or natural calamities have been notified based on the recommendation given by Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare. As already stated in the reference 11<sup>th</sup> cited above, the Government of Tamil Nadu has notified orders declaring 4 districts i.e, of Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Pudukkottai, Thanjavur and Kodaikanal Division of Dindigul District as severely affected by Gaja Cyclone. Tiruchirappalli and Dindigul districts are notified as moderately affected. Further Notified Taluks of 8 Districts i.e Dindigul Karur, Cuddalore, Madurai, Sivagangai, Theni, Ramanathapuram and Tiruchirappalli districts are notified as mildly affected.

It is calculated that, approximately 3.5 crore persondays will be required for undertaking the cutting of fallen trees , removal of debris and replantation of Coconut and other Horticultural crops.

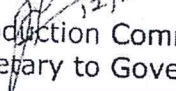
**11. Request for forwarding the proposal of additional man days of MGNREGS work to Government of India :-**

Hence, Government of India is requested to accord Special Dispensation/ Relaxation under MGNREGA for the following to the State of Tamil Nadu.

- I. In view of the Gaja cyclone damages caused to the 12 Districts in the State of Tamil Nadu the 100 days of employment per household may be increased to 150 days to mitigate the distress and grief and to protect the livelihood of the rural people in those Blocks enclosed in the annexure II and appropriately modify the NREGASoft so as to allow MIS entry upto 150 days for those blocks in 12 districts in Tamil Nadu for the FY 2018-19.
- II. The Labour Budget for the year 2018-19 sanctioned as 25 Crore persondays may also be revised accordingly.

Hence, I request the Ministry of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmer Welfare, Government of India to forward and to recommend the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India to consider the above proposal positively and issue orders at the earliest.

Yours faithfully

 12/12/18  
Agricultural Production Commissioner/  
Principal Secretary to Government.

Encl.:

1. GO.(Ms).No:481 Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Disaster Management Wing (DM.II) Section, Dated:10.12.2018
2. Blocks Covered in the Taluks Notified as Cyclone Affected.
3. Government of India Proceedings Dated: 28.11.2013, 25.8.2014 and 05.09.2018.

No.38-40/2018-DM  
Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare  
(Drought Management Division)

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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.  
Dated 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Provision of additional employment of 50 man-days over and above 100 days per household under MGNREGA in flood/cyclone affected areas of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Rajasthan – Regarding.**

ABURE  
JSURE

The undersigned is directed forward herewith a copy of letter No.29123/H2/2018-4 dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 received from Government of Tamil Nadu requesting this Department to extend the benefit of additional 50 man-days wage employment per household under MGNREGA in 12 districts affected by Gaja Cyclone. Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare recommends extending the benefit of additional 50 man-days wage employment per household under MGNREGA in the area affected by Gaja Cyclone in Tamil Nadu, as per rules.

2. Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare also recommends extending the benefit of additional 50 man-days wage employment per household under MGNREGA in the area affected by flood in Kerala, Karnataka and Rajasthan, as per rules.
3. This issues with the approval of Secretary, DAC&FW.

**Encl:** As above

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