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Subject: Advisory on promotion of plantation works with special emphasis on horticultural plantation around 20% of the land area of eligible individual beneficiary household -reg.

Dear Chief Secretary,

As you are aware that Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act to provide for the enhancement of **livelihood** security of the household in rural areas of the country and furtherance to this mandate, the provision has been made for prioritization of works creating individual Assets among different eligible categories of beneficiaries as per para 5 of the Schedule-I of the Act.

2. The para 5 of the Schedule-I of the Act says "works creating individual assets shall be prioritized on land or homestead owned by household belonging to the:

- (a) Scheduled Castes
- (b) Scheduled Tribes
- (c) Nomadic tribes
- (d) denotified tribes
- (e) other families below the poverty line
- (f) women-headed households
- (g) physically handicapped headed households
- (h) beneficiaries of land reforms
- (i) the beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin
- (j) beneficiaries under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007), and After exhausting the eligible beneficiaries under the above categories, on lands of the small or marginal farmers as defined in the Agriculture Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008 subject to the condition that such households shall have a job card with at least one member willing to work on the project undertaken on their land or homestead."

3. In this regard, State may take appropriate action so that the plantation works may cover around 20% of the land area of all the eligible individual beneficiary households in that Gram Panchayat.

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4. The plantation works particularly horticulture plantation may be one of the focus areas. While reporting such activities the advisory on Plan of action for road side tree plantation under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA as issued vide letter no. No-11018/1/4/2015-MGNREGA-IV(345541) dated 3rd December, 2021 and corrigendum dated 6.12.2021 about the details of the information such as number of works taken up, number of plants planted in each work and the area of the land (in Ha.) for each such work should be entered in the MIS.

5. In the light of above, I would like you to request you to instruct the concerned officers accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



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(Except Delhi and Chandigarh)**