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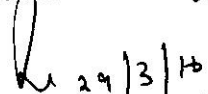
The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Panchayat & Rural Development Department
Government of Assam,
Guwahati - 781022.

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

Sir,

Please find enclosed Minutes of the Meeting of the Empowered committee on State Rural Development Plan (SRDP) including Labour Budget for the State of Assam for FY 2016-17 for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


(Aparajita Sarangi)

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India

Encl: As Above.

Copy to:-

- 1) PPS to Secretary, RD.
- 2) PPS to Addl. Secretary, RD.
- 3) PPS to AS & FA.
- 4) Sr. Tech. Director (NIC) – with a request to get the minutes uploaded on NREGA Soft (What's new/Labour Budget head) as minutes of meeting of Labour Budget 2016.17 for Assam.



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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 ASSAM FOR FY 2016-17.**


DATE: 21.03.2016

A meeting of the Empowered Committee for the State of Assam 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 Assam was represented by Shri K.K. Dwivedi, Commissioner, P &RD, Govt. of Assam. 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. | Focus Area | Target . -works to be taken up and completed in FY 2016-17(No/Km) | Unit cost of each work (Rs. In lakh) |
|--------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | Construction of Farm Pond | 13239 nos. | 5.0 |
| 2 | Construction of IHHLs | 222733 nos. | 0.12 |
| 3 | Construction of AWC Buildings | 5884 nos. | 6.5 (5 Lakh from MGNREGA & 1.5 Lakh from the concerned Department) |
| 4 | Construction of Vermi compost Tanks | 19006 nos. | 0.8 |
| 5 | Plantation | 50 Lakh | Rs 300 (Unit cost in Forest Area and Sericulture Farm will be less) |
| 6 | Paver's Block Road | 2000 kms | 40 Lakh per km |


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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 MGNREGA soft for enabling the States to upload their specific targets District-wise. State should upload the District-wise targets in MGNREGA 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:

A. No of Public works related to **Natural Resource Management** planned for FY 2016-17 are as follows:-

| Category of works | New Works FY 2016-17 | Under Convergence | Ongoing Works (Spill Over) |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Land Development | 3586 | 0 | 6198 |
| Irrigation | 1793 | 0 | 4333 |
| Water Conservation | 641 | 1 | 3194 |
| Afforestation | 320 | 0 | 1544 |
| Traditional water bodies | 244 | 0 | 1213 |
| Watershed management | 64 | 0 | 26 |

B. Major works planned for FY 2016-17 regarding creation of Individual Assets are as follows:-


| Category of works | New Works FY 2016-17 | Ongoing Works (Spill Over) |
|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Improving livelihoods through Horticulture/Plantation | 1506 | 13174 |
| Promotion of fisheries | 927 | 1690 |
| Promotion of livestock | 371 | 749 |
| Improving productivity of lands | 140 | 1556 |
| Construction of house | 115 | 4468 |

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- II. **Completion of Incomplete Works:** Since inception till 31.03.2015, the percentage of works completed is 75.66%. During FY 2015-16 (as on 22.03.2016), the percentage of works completed is 0.8 %. It is advised that all works taken up till 31.03.2015 should be completed and this Ministry's letter dated 21.03.2016 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 (42798) as on **31.3.2015** by **31.07.2016** without fail.
- III. **Public Works relating to Natural Resource Management (NRM):** Out of total works, 19637 number of works (20.21 % of total works) have been taken up 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. There should be lot of focus on water conservation and water harvesting.
- IV. **The state is requested to ensure linkage between MGNREGS and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayi Yojana (PMKSY).**
- V. **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 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, 25031 number of works (25.76 % of the total works) have been taken up on private lands in FY 2015-16 (as on 22.03.2016). The State is expected to take up more works under individual category and get them completed on time.
- VI. **Synchronization of planning process with Gram Panchayat Development Plan:** The Planning process under MGNREGA for works of FY 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 operationalising this.
- VII. **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 April 2016. State will provide DTRT training to 270 personnel and BTRT training to 1752 personnel. Training calendar may also be shared with the Ministry so that a representative from the Ministry can also participate.


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VIII. **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.

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

X. **Expediting Aadhaar Seeding Process:** As of now, there are 2944562 active workers, out of which 0 (0%) have been seeded in MIS. Against the Aadhaar numbers seeded in MIS, 0 (0%) 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 during the meeting. The State needs to expedite pace of seeding of Aadhaar data into the NREGA soft.

XI. **Skilling the unskilled MGNREGA workers:** The State did not submit a State Skilling Plan based on survey taken up in September, 2014. 2271 candidates showed interest (1143 M, 1128 F) in getting skilled. State has proposed to Skill the following number of youth in FY 16-17 under the 3 broad components as below:-

| Skilling for Wages | Skilling for Self Employment | Livelihood Upgradation | Total |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| 743 | 473 | 1055 | 2271 |

The same was approved.

XII. **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 steps as per the Action Plan on Social Audit communicated vide this Ministry's letter dated 10.02.2016.

It was decided that:


- a) Separate Social Audit Unit will be notified within July 2016
- b) Human Resource will be provided to the Social Audit Unit by September 2016 and
- c) Social Audit work will start from November 2016

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- XIII. **Expenditure on Agriculture and Allied Activities at the District level:** In all 27 Districts of the state, 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.
- XIV. **Strengthening of Monitoring mechanism:** Monitoring mechanism with emphasis on field supervision needs to be strengthened in the State. There is need for technical staff in supervisory role at the state level.
- XV. **Geo-tagging of Assets and maintenance of Assets Register at GP level:** State needs to ensure Geo-tagging of Assets and proper maintenance of Asset Register at the GP level with effect from 1st April 2016.
- XVI. **State Convergence Plan:** The State Convergence Plan for FY 2016-17, duly approved by Chief Secretary, will be finalized by State and submitted to the Ministry latest by 31.05.2016. Interim State Convergence Plan approved by Secretary (RM&DD), Government of Assam may be submitted by 30.04.2016.
- XVII. **Annual Master Circular:** Annual Master Circular should be translated and disseminated in the field latest by 15.06.2016. The same will be shared with the Ministry of Rural Development.
- XVIII. **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.
- XIX. **Online Compendium of Success Stories/Good Practices:** The Ministry is also launching an online compendium of Success Stories/Good Practices. Each State has to identify 25 success stories or good 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 **408 lakh Person days (PDs)** for FY 2016-17 for the State of Assam. The State may always come up with a proposal


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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. **Under no circumstances , the state will cross the approved Labour Budget for FY 016-17 without the prior approval of the Ministry of Rural Development**

6. **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 21.03.2016 FOR FINALISING LABOUR BUDGET FOR
THE STATE OF ASSAM FOR FY 2016-17.**

MoRD Officials

1. Ms. Aparajita Sarangi, Jt. Secretary, MoRD.
2. Shri Atal Dulloo, Jt. Secretary, MoRD.
3. Shri Prabhat Sarangi, Jt. Secretary, MoRD.
4. Shri Rajeev Sadanandan, Jt.S., MoRD
5. Shri Santosh Mathew, Jt.S., MoRD
6. Shri Manoranjan Kumar, MoRD
7. Shri Dhruva Kumar Singh, Director, MoRD.
8. Ms. Nita Kejriwal, Director, MoRD.
9. Shri Sandeep Sharma, Dy. Director, MoRD.
10. Shri G. Muralidharan, NRLM, MoRD
11. Shri Rakesh Bhardwaj, US, MoRD.
12. Shri K.P. Rajendran, MoRD
13. Shri Sourabh Ray, MoRD
14. Ms. Smita Jacob, MoRD

State Officials

1. Shri K.K. Dwivedi, Commissioner, P &RD
2. Shri P.C. Bhattacharya, Addl. Commissioner, P&RD
3. Shri Bhashou Pkuban, Addl. Commissioner, P&RD
4. Dr. Himadri Konch, SPM-FI/ASRLM
5. Shri Ajit Narzaray, SPM-FI/ASRLM
6. Shri Rashsul Hussain, Consultant
