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Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development
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To
The Commissioner/ Secretary/ Principal Secretary
Department of Rural Development /Panchayati Raj
(Incharge of MGNREGA), All States/ UTs (Except Delhi and Chandigarh)

Sub: Proposal for MGNREGA Annual Award 2017- Reg
Sir,

In continuation to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 29th July 2016, I am directed to inform that like previous years, Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Annual Award will be distributed on the day of "**Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Sammelan 2017**" on **2nd February, 2017**. It has further been decided by the Ministry that the National Award will be given for effective initiative under four categories.

- a. State Award for effective initiatives under MGNREGA in four spheres viz
1. Convergence and Livelihood augmentation
 2. Transparency and accountability
 3. Initiatives under Geo-MGNREGA
 4. Performance in AADHAAR Seeding and Conversion

(Proposals in respect of 1 and 2 are to be nominated by the State Government and for 3&4, the award will be distributed among the top performers based on the MIS data).

- b. Award for District team led by District programme coordinator in two spheres
1. Effective implementation of MGNREGA
 2. Performance in Geo-MGNREGA

(Proposals in respect of 1 are to be nominated by the State Government and for 2, the award will be distributed among the top performers based on the MIS data).

- c. Award for effective initiative in MGNREGA administration (Financial inclusion by Post offices).
- d. Award for best performing Gram Panchayat (to be separately selected by Ministry of Panchayati Raj).
- e. Award for best exhibit to the State team:

States displaying best exhibit would be conferred the award. The suggested thematic areas for exhibition are

1. Information display board
2. Job Card updation/verification
3. Use of IT and Geo-tagging of assets
4. Assets through Convergence/ without Convergence (Individual/ Community)
5. Natural Resource Management works/Agriculture and allied activities under MGNREGA
6. Skilling and Capacity building (BFT, CFT and Project LIFE)

Priority

Participation of all States for S.No.1 to 5 are compulsory and S.No.6 is optional.

2. I request you to initiate process of inviting nominations for the State teams and District teams for **categories (a) & (b)** above for the performance during the **FY 2015-16**, through the State Screening Committee and forward duly recommended nominations by **30th September, 2016** positively. Afterwards, the Ministry will be intimating the schedule of presentations to be made by the State/ UTs and District teams in the Ministry. Each proposal should include detail description as per Annexure.

Yours faithfully,



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1. Shri S B Agnihotri, Chairman, MGNREGA Award Committee
2. All Directors/ Deputy Secretary/ Under Secretary, MGNREGA Division.
3. MoRD (NIC) for uploading in MGNREGA website.

Annexure**Indicative list of activities which should be described in the proposal
State Level proposals****Category-I : Sustainable Livelihood through convergence**

Sr. No	Initiatives in	Description
1	Planning	This includes perspective planning, annual shelf of projects and formulation of labour budget with a focus on optimization of resources of other line departments and on strengthening livelihoods in rural areas.
2	Convergence Initiative	Achieving convergence with other welfare programmes pertaining to agriculture, environment and forestry, fishery, animal husbandry, watershed management, horticulture, health, education, sanitation, Public Distribution System, nutrition, Roads, Water resources etc. The quality of convergence between MGNREGA and NRLM will be specially assessed.
3	Guideline/ Advisories/ Monitoring of Convergence initiatives	Issue of guidelines and advisory at State level, Mechanism set up to monitor convergence initiatives/ quality of assets in the districts, Feed back system to inspect the works and improve the existing system including District Quality Monitors. Etc
4	Adherence to MGNREGA Process	Adherence to the MGNREGA processes like starting of work on time, timely wage payment, regular inspections etc.
5	Institutional Structure	Long term institutional structures and service delivery mechanism set up to facilitate convergence.
6	Role of PRI	Ways of involving PRIs in bringing convergence.
7	Out put	MGNREGA Quantitative indicators including number of person days generated per household, number of convergence projects taken up etc.
8	Out Come	Long term inputs and infrastructure development for providing maximum benefit to the rural households in

		terms of sustainable increase in their standard of living. Indicators may include Productivity, Income of households, quality of assets etc.
9	Innovation	Any innovation/ Special initiative by State Govt to ensure effective convergence.

Category-II: Transparency and Accountability

Sr. No	Initiatives in	Description
1	Information, Education and Communication	Measures taken for dissemination of information and creation of awareness in rural areas with regard to social audits and participation in Gram Sabhas etc.
2	Disclosure of Information	Timeliness and adequacy of disclosure of Information, both Suo motu and on demand. Eg. Display of the list of works and workers in Gram Panchayat.
3	Management of Information and IT	Use of ICT for promoting public disclosure and placing information in public domain.
4	Adherence to MGNREGA Process	Adherence to MGNREGA processes like starting of work on time, timely wage payment, regular inspection etc.
5	Vigilance and Monitoring Committee	Setting up of VMCs as per guideline and ensuring their effective functioning.
6	Social Audit	Setting up of Social Audit Directorate, completion of pilot social audits. Finding of Social Audit should be published in the MGNREGA website and follow up action taken on this. Other arrangements made by the state to ensure quality and regular social audits.
7	Grievance management and disposal of complaints	Satisfying the complaints as regards setting their grievance within the prescribed time limit. Effective operation of help lines and complaint boxes. Proper maintenance of complaint register in the Gram Panchayats, Blocks and Districts. Corrective

		action taken against wrong doers under Indian Penal Code, Prevention of Corruption Act, Service Rules, etc.
8	Labour Group	Formation of labour groups and their role in demand capturing, awareness generation, implementation of programme etc.
9	Organisation of Rojgar Diwas	Mobilization of people, grievance redressal, capturing demand, involvement of PRIs etc.
10	Ombudsman	Ombudsmen in place and their role
11	Institutional Structure	Long term institutional structures and service delivery mechanisms set up to facilitate convergence.
12	Out put	MGNREGA quantitative indicators including number of person days generated per household, number of Social audits held etc.
13	Out Come	Long term impact such as difference in awareness levels pre and post social audits etc.
14	Innovation	Any innovation/ Special initiative by State Government to ensure transparency and accountability.

District Level proposal

Proposal describing notable performance in one or more areas of programme implementation in followings:

- a) Equity in terms of convergence and outcomes
- b) Participation
- c) Quality, utility, sustainability and cost effectiveness of assets
- d) Accountability including inspections, grievance redressal and monitoring
- e) Office and financial management including MIS, Staffing, training and reporting
- f) Innovation which promotes effective implementation of the programme
- g) Initiatives in tackling challenging work and social environment
- h) IEC
- i) Convergence
- j) Worksite management
- k) Planning, coordination and leadership