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To

Principal Secretary/Secretary/Commissioner
Department of Rural Development
Government of Rajasthan
Jaipur

Subject: Provision for additional employment over and above 100 days per household under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in notified drought/hailstorm affected areas of Rajasthan.

I. Background

The Government of Rajasthan has declared **5577 villages of 10 districts of Rajasthan** as drought/hailstorm affected in the State during Kharif 2018(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 letter No.38-04/2019-DM dated 23.01.2019** has recommended extending the benefit of additional 50 man-days employment per household under MGNREGA in the drought/hailstorm affected areas(Annexure-II). In this regard, Rajasthan Government vide their letter dated 22.02.2019 has sent the list of drought/hailstorm affected **5546 villages of 1251 GPs** of 10 District in Rajasthan (Annexure-III). State Government has clarified that remaining **31** drought affected villages are **non-residence area**.

II. Special dispensation in drought affected/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.

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2. In view of the likelihood of increased demand for employment on public works due to the drought situation, it has been decided, under Section 3(4) of MGNREGA, to provide upto **50 days of additional employment** in notified drought/hailstorm affected regions for **5546 villages of 1251 GPs of 10 District of Rajasthan** 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 drought proofing works including works relating to water and soil conservation in line with the objectives of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY);
 - (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 tehsils.

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- (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,


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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