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**Sub: - Advisory on convergence of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS and Border Roads Organisation (BRO)**

1. **Background:** BRO constructs roads in border areas mostly keeping the defence and strategic considerations of the nation. Most border areas are rural and the infrastructures including road works are also taken up under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in these areas. To optimize the national outcomes, there is ample opportunity to have an effective synergy and convergence between these two Schemes without diluting their own goals and objectives.
2. As per para 4(1) of the Schedule – I of the Act (as amended), following rural connectivity works are permitted under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS –


*Providing all-weather rural road connectivity to unconnected villages and border areas and to connect identified rural production centres to the existing pucca road network; and construction of pucca internal roads or streets including side drains and culverts within a village.*

3. This convergence for taking up border roads through BRO shall be implemented as per the following guidelines:
  - a. All these works will be carried out only in rural areas.
  - b. For such works under the Scheme, BRO will be the Programme implementing agency (PIA).
  - c. **Only Unskilled labour component will be made from Mahatma Gandhi NREGA.**
  - d. All processes and non-negotiable conditions of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA would apply (i.e. approval of projects/ works from District Panchayat/Intermediate Panchayat for which BRO is PIA, execution of works through job card holders only within the limits of the Gram Panchayat, non-engagement of contractors and labour displacement machines, maintenance of labour material ratio 60:40 at the District level, social audit, transparency and accountability etc.).

- e. The technical officials of BRO would prepare technical designs, drawings/estimates and give layout of the convergent rural connectivity works under the Scheme and will ensure / monitor quality of works.
  - f. Quality standards for the rural roads under the Scheme are maintained and relevant IRC codes/PMGSY Guidelines are followed. In case of higher specifications of roads specified by BRO and for activities not permitted under the Scheme but required for completion of road, BRO will utilize its own funds.
  - g. The administrative sanction of all these works will be issued by the respective District Programme Coordinator (DPC), Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. Technical Sanction will be issued by the competent authority of BRO.
4. District Administration and BRO officials concerned shall have joint meeting, to operationalize the above convergence.
  5. At the State level, the monitoring of the convergence works should be done by State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) for convergence, headed by the Chief Secretary of the State.
  6. At the District level, the monitoring of the convergence works should be done by District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) for convergence, headed by the Collector/DPC.



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