

ABSTRACT

Schemes – Centrally Sponsored Scheme - Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) – Constitution of Steering Committee to oversee and monitor the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) – Approved - Orders issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department.

G.O. (Ms) No. 109

Dated: 15.11.2012

Read:

Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15, Letter No. 28183/ 2012/NREGS-II-2, dated: 21.4.2012 and 5.6.2012.

ORDER:

The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, in the letter read above, has stated that Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is being implemented in all 12,524 village panchayats of 31 districts. The Government of India releases fund for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme based on the performance of the State. In respect of Tamil Nadu State the total expenditure incurred under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is approximately Rs.3000 crores as against the labour budget of Rs.3572 crores during the year 2011-12.

2. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that the labour budget of each financial year is approved by the Empowered Committee of Government of India based on the performance of previous year and presentation of labour budget for the next financial year before the committee. Hence, based upon the performance of 2011-12, the labour budget projection was presented before the Empowered Committee. The 9th meeting of Empowered Committee to discuss, scrutinize the Labour Budget for 2012-13 for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme was held on 30.03.2012 at Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi and it has been approved to allocate Rs.5000 crores for generation of 37.90 crore mandays. The total allocation along with 6% of administrative cost will be Rs.5300 crores.

3. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that in the minutes of the above meeting one among major points is as follows:

Point No. (vii): "The State Government may constitute a Steering Committee to oversee and monitor the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. The Steering Committee should be empowered to take all decision regarding Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act implementation including on proposal to utilize the 6% administrative expenditure as per guidelines issued by Ministry of Rural Development in this regard. The Steering Committee may be chaired preferably by the Chief Secretary and can include Secretaries of Departments whose programmes are converged with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. The Steering Committee should meet every quarter and review the progress under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and guide the implementation process".

4. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has informed that during the current financial year Land development activities, afforestation, selection of works based on satellite maps, special works for physically challenged workers are to be implemented. Apart from that, the payment of wages to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme workers will be done through e-FMS in a phased manner.

5. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has added that as envisaged in the minutes of the 9th meeting of Empowered Committee, a Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government may be constituted as follows.

1	Chief Secretary to Government	Chairman
2	Principal Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.	Vice Chairman
3	Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.	Member -Convener
4	Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department.	Member
5	Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forest Department.	Member
6	Agricultural Production Commissioner and Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department	Member
7	Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department.	Member
8	Secretary to Government, Public Works Department	Member
9	Secretary to Government, Highways and Minor Ports Department.	Member
10	Additional Director of Rural Development (MGNREGS)	Member

6. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has furnished functions and responsibilities of the Steering Committee as follows:-

1. The Steering Committee shall meet every quarter to Review and Guide the implementation process.

2. To authorise the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to implement the scheme based on the Operational Guidelines of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and also based on the instructions and circulars of Government of India and to get ratification in the quarterly meetings of the Steering Committee.
3. To work out the modalities for the utilization of 6% administrative cost and to authorise the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to utilise the same.
4. To strengthen the human resources / staff pattern at the Block, District and State Head Quarters level without affecting the quality of the scheme.
5. To take important decisions for running the scheme smoothly by ensuring inter departmental co-ordination.
6. To authorise the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to circulate the agenda and get the approval of committee, if the committee is not in a position to meet for the quarter or as and when required.
7. The Steering Committee would have financial powers upto Rs.25 crores.

7. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested the Government to issue orders to constitute the Steering Committee with the functions and responsibilities as mentioned at paras 5 and 6 above.

8. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, direct that the Steering Committee to oversee and monitor the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act be constituted as follows:

1	Chief Secretary to Government	Chairman
2	Principal Secretary to Government Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.	Vice Chairman
3	Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.	Member - Convener
4	Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department.	Member
5	Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forest Department.	Member
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The Government approve the functions and responsibilities of the Steering Committee as follows:

1. The Steering Committee shall meet every quarter to Review and Guide the implementation process.
2. The Steering Committee shall approve the Annual Plan on priority basis. If any urgent action is required then the approval of the Steering Committee should be obtained by circulation.
3. The Steering Committee is empowered to approve proposals to utilize the 6% administrative expenditure as indicated in the minutes of the ninth meeting of the Empowered Committee of Government of India under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act held on 30.3.2012.
4. To strengthen the human resources / staff pattern at the Block, District and State Head Quarters level without affecting the quality of the scheme.
5. To take important decisions for running the scheme smoothly by ensuring inter departmental co-ordination.
6. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is authorized to circulate the agenda and get the approval of committee, if the committee is not in a position to meet for the quarter or as and when required.
7. The Financial powers of the Steering Committee in respect of single project is restricted to Rs.25 crores. Any project(s) exceeds more than Rs.25 crores, the sanction should be obtained from the Government through circulation.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

N.S. PALANIAPPAN,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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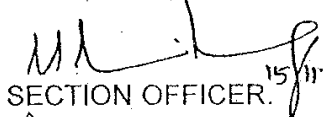
- ✓ The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj,
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The Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and
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The Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
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The Secretary to Government, Highways and Minor Ports Department, Chennai – 9.
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