

## ABSTRACT

Schemes – Centrally Sponsored Scheme – Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) – Pilot Project – Project proposal - National Rural Employment Guarantee Act implementation through Geographic Information Technologies (NREGAGIT) – Implementation in four Districts namely Pudukottai, Thanjavur, Krishnagiri and Ramanathapuram on pilot basis and Constitution of Project Review and Steering Group (PRSG) – Approved – Orders issued.

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

G.O.(Ms) No. 92

Dated: 28.09.2012

Read:

1. Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai – 15, Letter Rc.No.58491/2011/ MGNREGS.1-1, dated 21.09.2011.
2. Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development, No. K-11011/2/2008-NREGA (MON)/TS/GEOICT (3567), dated 23.11.2011.
3. Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai – 15, Letter Roc.No.58491/2011/ MGNREGS.I, dated 05.01.2012.

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### ORDER:

The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, in the letter first read above, has stated that Dr.S. Vasudevan, Principal Investigator, Coordinator/ Associate Professor, Centre for Geographic Information Technologies, School of Geosciences, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli has submitted the Project proposal of "NREGAGIT" (NREGA Implementation through Geographic Information Technologies for Tamil Nadu State) along with a copy of the letter from Registrar, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.

2. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that the main objective of the proposal is to prepare a strategy for nationwide rollout and evolve parameters for standardization with an objective to link Geographic Information System with grass root level participatory planning, asset management and monitoring, which will enable access to real time data and help in ensuring greater transparency

and accountability in the implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. This project proposal also envisages preparation of road Network map/segment, formatting of the existing water body layer, flood protection site, etc. through Geographic Information Technology which will provide the exact picture of the work status like when was the work started, how many persons involved, total number of man days involved in a particular work place etc.

3. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that it is proposed in the project proposal "NREGAGIT" to constitute a Project Review and Steering Group (PRSG) with the Principal Secretary of Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj as Chairperson to periodically evaluate the progress to ensure successful completion and timely delivery of project outputs. Project Review and Steering Group will be empowered to discuss/resolve matters related to both technical and financial aspects. Policies taken in the Project Review and Steering Group will be final and project will be evaluated based on the decisions taken by the Project Review and Steering Group. Project Review and Steering Group will meet at least once in every four months preferably at Chennai. The tentative composition of the Project Review and Steering Group (PRSG) shall be as detailed below:

1.	Principal Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.	Chairperson
2.	Joint Secretary (NREGA), Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.	Member
3.	Commissioner, Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Government of Tamil Nadu.	Member
4.	Deputy Finance Advisor, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.	Member
5.	Additional Director (NREGS), Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Government of Tamil Nadu.	Member
6.	One Project Director of District Rural Development Agency, (to be nominated by the CRD & PR).	Member
7.	Representative, National Informatics Centre (NIC), Chennai.	Member
8.	Director, Institute of Remote Sensing (IRS), Anna University, Chennai.	Member
9.	Principal Investigator, Centre for Geographic Information Technologies (CGIT), Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.	Member Secretary

4. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that since application of Geographic Information Technologies, such as, Remote Sensing, Global Positioning System (GPS) and Geographic Information System (GIS) will enable to implement Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in a better way, the proposal may be forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development for taking further action. The total cost of the Project proposal viz., NREGAGIT is Rs.2916.87 lakhs.

5. With reference to the Project proposal viz., NREGAGIT, in the letter second read above, the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has suggested, among others, that the project needs to be implemented on pilot basis in a district so that its utility and efficacy can be tested. As the University has the data for Pudukottai District, it may be tried out on a pilot basis in that district, if the State Government so desires.

6. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, in the letter third read above, has stated that the Principal Investigator, GIS, Tiruchirappali, has sent the PILOT project proposal for implementation in 4 Districts namely Pudukkottai (497 Village Panchayats), Thanjavur (589 Village Panchayats), Krishnagiri (333 Village Panchayats) and Ramanathapuram (429 Village Panchayats) at an estimated cost of Rs.142.60 lakhs covering 1848 village panchayats in order to assess the different kind of field realities and requested to approve and review pilot Project proposal of NREGAGIT in 4 Districts comprising of 1,848 Village Panchayats.

7. In the State Level Co-ordination Committee on GIS / RS meeting held on 23.07.2012, it has been decided that the proposed pilot study may be taken up, and the outcome, benefits and administrative issues could be carefully studied to decide on the utility of the method for better monitoring of the NREGA programme.

8. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and decision taken in the State Level Co-ordination Committee on GIS / RS meeting held on 23.7.2012, approve the pilot project proposal NREGA implementation through Geographic Information Technologies (NREGAGIT) for Tamil Nadu State at a cost of Rs.142.60 lakhs for implementation in four districts namely Pudukkottai, Thanjavur, Krishnagiri and Ramanathapuram subject to the condition that the expenditure involved in the proposal should be met out from the 6% administrative cost of MGNREGA and direct that the Project Review and Steering Group (PRSG) be constituted as mentioned below:

1.	Principal Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.	Chairperson
2.	Joint Secretary (NREGA), Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.	Member
3.	Commissioner, Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Government of Tamil Nadu.	Member

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9. The Government also direct that the proposed pilot study be taken up and the outcome, benefits and administrative issues should be carefully studied to decide on the utility of the method for better monitoring of the NREGA programme.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

N.S. PALANIAPPAN,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj,  
Chennai – 15.

The Project Director, District Rural Development Agency,  
Pudukottai District. (through the CRD & PR)

The Project Director, District Rural Development Agency,  
Thanjavur District (through the CRD & PR)

The Project Director, District Rural Development Agency,  
Krishnagiri District, (through the CRD & PR)

The Project Director, District Rural Development Agency,  
Ramanathapuram District. (through the CRD & PR)

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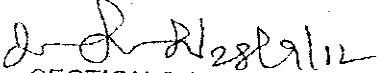
The Joint Secretary (MGNREGA),  
Ministry of Rural Development,  
Department of Rural Development,  
Government of India, Krishi Bhavan,  
New Delhi – 110 114.

The Accountant General, Chennai-6/18/35.

The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai-15.

The Director of Local Fund Audit, Chennai-108.  
The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (MA & RD),  
Chennai - 9.  
The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Chennai -- 9.  
The Director,  
Institute of Remote Sensing (IRS),  
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