



ABSTRACT

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme – Decision taken in the Steering Committee meeting held on 30.04.2013 – Independent Monitoring System - Creation of 10 posts of State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) – Procedure for selection of State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) – Orders issued.

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

G.O.(Ms) No. 79

Dated: 15.07.2013

Read:

Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj,
Chennai - 15 Letter Rc.No.34647/2013/ MGNREGS.2.2 dated
16.05.2013.

ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that the outlay in the form of Labour Budget has been increased over the years under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme due to the excellent performance shown by the State. Various levels of monitoring have also been exercised with the intention of qualitative implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

2. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that though the provisions of monitoring as 2% at State level, 10% at District level and 100% at Block level has been mandated, because of the more number of works and worksites, there is still a gap in ensuring in qualitative monitoring of works. At State level, State officers including Commissioner of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj and Additional Directors are inspecting Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme works in all the 31 Districts. Since nearly Rs.6000 crore has been approved as wages under the MGNREG Scheme for the year 2013-14, an independent monitoring system to monitor its proper implementation is very much essential.

3. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that in the 9th meeting of the Empowered Committee of Ministry of Rural Development held on 30.03.2012, it has been stated that "The State has initiated exclusive inspections for qualitative maintenance of assets created under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. However, no separate quality monitoring mechanism has been devised. The State needs to establish a dedicated State Quality Monitoring Unit by October 2012."

4. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that the need for the third party quality monitoring in the form of State Quality Monitors for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme was

discussed in detail in the Steering Committee held on 30.04.2013 and considering the need and importance, the Steering Committee has approved the following:

- a) The creation of 10 State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS)
- b) The provision of Honorarium & Traveling Allowance to State Quality Monitors to be met out from the 6% Administrative Cost of MGNREGS.

5. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that a team of 10 persons may be engaged to act as State Quality Monitors to monitor and give feedback about the implementation of the scheme. The persons may preferably be drafted from among retired Additional Director of Rural Development / Joint Directors cadre officers of the various departments.

6. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has sent the procedure for selection of State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) as follows:

- i) The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj shall call for 'Expression of Interest' from retired Government servants having specific qualifications to be appointed as Third Party State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS)- 10 numbers.
- ii) A Selection Committee consisting of the following officials shall be constituted to select suitable hands to be appointed as State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS).

Principal Secretary to Government,	
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department	- Chairman
Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj	- Member
Additional Director (MGNREGS)	- Convener

The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also sent the Terms and Conditions and Duties and Responsibilities of State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS).

7. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that as enlisted in the Terms and Conditions, the State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) may be paid Rs.1000/- per day as Honorarium and they shall also be eligible to claim Traveling Allowances for Three tier A/C Train fare. The total amount required per year will be around Rs.14.20 Lakhs (Rs.7.20 Lakhs for Honorarium & Rs.7.00 Lakhs for Travelling Allowances).The annual requirement of Rs 14.20 Lakhs may be met out from the 6% administrative cost under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme funds. The Steering Committee in its meeting held on 30.4.2013 has approved the proposal and therefore, the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has requested the orders of the Government in this regard.

8. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, direct that 10 posts of State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) be created to monitor and give feedback about the implementation of the MGNREGS. The persons shall preferably be drafted from among retired Additional Director of Rural Development / Joint Director cadre Officers of various departments.

9. The Government approve the procedure for selection of State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) as follows:

- i) The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj shall call for 'Expression of Interest' from retired Government servants having specific qualifications to be appointed as Third Party State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS)- 10 numbers.
- ii) A Selection Committee consisting of the following officials shall be constituted to select suitable hands to be appointed as State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS).

Principal Secretary to Government,	
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department	- Chairman
Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj	- Member
Additional Director (MGNREGS)	- Convener

10. The Government also approve the Terms and conditions and duties and responsibilities of State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) annexed to this order and direct that the State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) be paid Rs.1000/- per day as Honorarium and they shall also be eligible to claim Traveling allowance for Three tier A/C Train fare. The total amount required per year will be around Rs.14.20 lakhs (Rs.7.20 lakhs for Honorarium and Rs.7.00 lakhs for Travelling allowances). The annual requirement of Rs.14.20 lakhs shall be met out from the administrative cost under MGNREGS funds.

11. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No. 29546/RD/2013, dated 10.06.2013.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

C.V. SANKAR,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai – 15,
All District Collectors (except Chennai) (Through the DRD & PR, Chennai – 15),
All Project Directors, District Rural Development Agencies
(Through the DRD & PR, Chennai – 15),
The Accountant General, Chennai – 6/18/35.

Copy to:

The Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development,
Government of India, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi – 110 114.
The Senior P.A to Hon'ble Minister (MA, RD, Law, Courts and Prisons), Chennai – 9.
The Senior Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary to Government, Chennai – 9.
Finance (RD) Department, Chennai – 9.
The Senior Private Secretary to the Principal Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai – 9.
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (OP.II) Department, Chennai – 9.
The National Informatics Centre, Chennai – 9.

//Forwarded by order//

SECTION OFFICER.

Annexure**Terms and Conditions and Duties and Responsibilities of State Quality Monitors(MGNREGS)****(i) Qualifications :**

- a. State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) : Retired officials in the rank of Additional Director/ Joint Director (or equivalent) in Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Highways, Public Works Department, Central Public Works Department or any other Departments/Undertakings, having more than 25 years experience in Administrative/Technical works and having a Bachelor's Degree qualification.
- b. Age Limit : The applicant should not have crossed 70 (Seventy) years of age as on 1.10.2013. Persons who are already officiating as National Quality Monitors/State Quality Monitors in other departments or as Consultants for another Quality Monitoring Company/Consulting firms will not be eligible for being selected as State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) in Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.

ii) Terms and Conditions for State Quality Monitors(MGNREGS):

- a. The State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) are to be paid an amount of Rs.1000/- per day as Honorarium, besides the actual travel charges (Three tier A/C fare in case of train) to the District Headquarters from their residence. The conveyance to site will be arranged by the Project Director, DRDA of the concerned districts. The Conveyance Charges will be paid from their residence to the inspecting Districts and back to the residence. The actual fare, as applicable to the cadre in which they were retired from service will be eligible (subject to a maximum of three tier A/C Train fare).
- b. The Honorarium and Conveyance Charges will be paid to them on monthly basis by the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj on the recommendation of the Additional Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (MGNREGS) who would be State Quality Control Co-ordinator.
- c. The District for which the State Quality Monitors(MGNREGS) are to undertake inspection for every month shall be decided by the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.
- d. Each of the State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) will be allotted 2 Districts in a month on a rotation basis by the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj. The State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) have to inspect a minimum of 5 works per day and carry out inspections for the requisite number of days in a district in a month. The inspection dates in a month for the State Quality Monitors will be finalized by the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

- e. The Project Director, District Rural Development Agency will arrange for the transport and assistance to the State Quality Monitor for the inspections. The Material Testing Laboratory of the Contractor or the District Lab can be used by the State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS), if required. The necessary tests shall be got conducted by the Project Director, if so desired by the State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS).

(iii) Duties and Responsibilities :

- a. The State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) are to follow the IS Standards, Technical Specifications, Drawings and Scheme Guidelines.
- b. The State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) should also verify all the records pertaining to MGNREGS.
- c. The State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) shall send their inspection reports in the format prescribed monthly to the concerned District Collector with copies marked to the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai. In case of deviations, deficiencies in work or quality is found, the same is to be reported in detail along with the recommendations for corrections of deviations to the District Collector and the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.
- d. The State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) are to find out any deviation in the sanctioned estimates and to issue instructions to the District Collectors to correct them in writing under intimation to the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.
- e. The State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) are to advise the District Collectors concerned regarding the acceptance or rejection of the ATRs on the deviations pointed out by the State Quality Monitors in previous inspections of the same works.
- f. The State Quality Monitors (MGNREGS) should undertake any other Quality Monitoring works that may be assigned to them from time to time by the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

C.V. SANKAR,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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