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To

The District Collector / Chairman,  
District Rural Development Agency,  
All Districts.

**Rc.No.41638/2024/MGNREGS-I-1, Dated: 25.06.2024**

Sir / Madam,

Sub: Mahatma Gandhi NREGS – RD & PR Department – Announcements made by Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development Department on the floor of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 22.06.2024 – Development of Meikkal Land in 2500 Village Panchayat - Works to be taken up under MGNREGS during the FY year 2024-25 – Executive Instructions issued - Regarding.

- Ref : 1. Announcement made by Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development Department on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 22.06.2024.
2. Annual Master Circular 2024-25.
3. Wage Rate G.O. (MS) No.93, RD & PR (CGS.1) Department, dated.22.05.2024.

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I invite your attention to the references cited.

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development has made the following Announcement on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 22.06.2024 during the budget demand of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department that

மகாத்மா காந்தி தேசிய ஊரக வேலை உறுதித் திட்டத்தின் கீழ் 2500 கிராம ஊராட்சிகளில் உள்ள மேயக்கால் நிலங்களைப் பாதுகாத்து, மேம்படுத்திடும் பொருட்டு கசிவுநீர் குட்டைகள் மற்றும் மரம் நடுதல் போன்ற பணிகள் 400 கோடி ரூபாய் மதிப்பீட்டில் மேற்கொள்ளப்படும்.

In the "Permissible Works List" communicated by MoRD, GoI, Development of Silviculture Grasslands for Community has been listed at Sl.No.57, under the category of "A" Assets".

The Government of India have notified the wage rate for the FY 2024-25 as Rs.319/- per day in respect of Tamil Nadu. Accordingly, the revision of wage rate and the Rural Schedule of Rate (RSoR) was approved vide reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited for the FY 2024-25 shall be adopted for this work.

Under MGNREGS, the development of meikkal land works are approved by the Empowered Committee, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India during the Empowered Committee Meeting held on 27.03.2024.

**The above works were also proposed by your district in the Shelf of Project of Labour Budget 2024-25.**

### **Development of Meikkal Land**

Grazing land / meikkal lands are traditionally relied for meeting the fodder requirements of livestock in rural area. Large extent of unused meikkal Land is available in rural area throughout the state which are prone to encroachment and need for protection and improvement.

In order to develop the meikkal land, the following works shall be taken up under MGNREGS in the meikkal land available in village panchayats in a comprehensive manner.

1. Massive Tree Plantation of Native species and Horticulture Plantation with the height of 5 to 6 feet saplings.
2. Creation of New Pond/Percolation pond for water conservation.
3. Plantation of fodder trees and perennial grass for the livestock grazing.

### **Guidelines**

The following guidelines shall be adopted the development of meikkal land

1. 1/4<sup>th</sup> of Village Panchayat in the District should be selected for the development of meikkal land.
2. Meikkal land in panchayat should be identified in consultation with Revenue Department Official and Animal Husbandry Department.
3. Fodder scarce blocks and village panchayats shall be given priority in consultation

4. Administrative Sanction should be accorded by the District Collector as a one works for all the three component. Work ID in NREGASoft shall be created for each component for the early completion of works.
5. A new pond or percolation pond shall be created as per the availability of site.
6. Selection of species for plantation of fodder trees and perennial grass for the livestock grazing shall be done in consultation with Animal Husbandry Department.
7. Plantation of Horticulture trees shall be done in consultation with Horticulture department.
8. As per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Rural Development. One-time expenditure on seeds/saplings with the height of 5 to 6 feet for plantation of fodder trees or horticulture plants approved by the Animal Husbandry/Horticulture department is permitted for meikkal land development.
9. Hence, the seeds/saplings with the height of 5 to 6 feet shall be purchased in the open market as per the rate approved by the District Procurement Committee for MGNREGS under the chairmanship of District Collector.
10. GO(Ms)No.18 Rural Development and Panchayatraj(CGS.1) Department dated 01.02.2024 shall be adopted for the plantation activities.
11. A CAD drawing of plan should be prepared for each work and should be kept in the work file without fail.

**Non-Negotiable Items:**

1. Citizen Information Board shall be kept at the work site in 3 X 4 feet with all necessary information as per the framework given by the Government of India vide Ref No: k11023/1/1/2017 – MGNREGA (IV), MORD, Dated.07.04.2017. The cost of Citizen Information Board will be fixed at **Rs.4,500/- per unit**. The cost of the Citizen Information Board shall be included in the estimate itself.
2. Estimate creation, Administrative sanction and Technical sanction shall be done in SECURE software.

3. The work should be included in the Labour Budget- Shelf of Project 2024-25.
4. Resolution should be obtained for in the Gram Sabha for all the selected works and it should be entered work wise in Register No.2 of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA of village panchayats concerned.
5. Labour and Material ratio of 60:40 should be ensured.

**Timeline for the Completion**

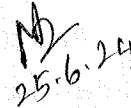
Sl. No	Action	Timeline for Completion
1	Identification of Village Panchayts for the meikkal land development	10.07.2024
2	Administrative Sanction	15.07.2024
3	Commencement of Work	18.07.2024
4	Completion of Work	31.08.2024

Hence, I request you to issue necessary instructions to the field functionaries to identify the village panchayats for the meikkal development land as per the guidelines above and accord administrative sanction as per the Labour Budget - Shelf of Project 2024-25 and also request you to accord Administrative Sanction from the proposed works during Labour Budget 2024-25 and send the AS given details to the Directorate on or before 10.07.2024.

  
Director

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Secretariat, Chennai.
2. The Additional Collector (Dev.) / Project Director,  
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