



ABSTRACT

Announcement made by Hon'ble Chief Minister under Rule 110 - Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme – Homestead plantation under MGNREGS in Indira Awaas Yojana and Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme Houses – Guidelines approved – Orders - Issued

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

G.O. (Ms) No.118

Dated:03.09.2015

Read:

1. Government of India notification No.19(E), dated 3.1.2014.
2. Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj
Letter No.10459/2014/MGNREGS-I-1, dated 30.4.2015.
3. Announcement made by Hon'ble Chief Minister under
Rule-110 on 03.09.2015.

ORDER:

Hon'ble Chief Minister has made the following announcement on 03.09.2015 under Rule 110 of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly:-

In order to protect environment in rural areas and to provide saplings/seedlings to individual households, the homestead plantation will be done in 54,000 IAY beneficiaries houses and 60,000 Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme beneficiaries houses totaling 1,14,000 beneficiaries. For implementing the scheme, the beneficiaries will be provided either 4 saplings or 4 seedlings as per their desire. The plantation of Saplings/ Seedlings in 1,14,000 households will be carried out by the workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

2. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, has stated that as per para 5 of Revised Schedule I in the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India's notification No.19(E), dated 3.1.2014, the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 envisages that "Works creating individual assets shall be prioritised on land or homestead owned by households belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Nomadic Tribes, Denotified Tribes, Other families Below the Poverty Line, Women-headed households, Physically handicapped headed households, Beneficiaries of land reforms, Beneficiaries under the Indira Awaas Yojana, beneficiaries under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) and after exhausting the eligible beneficiaries under the above categories, on lands of the Small or Marginal Farmers as defined in the Agriculture Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008 subject to the condition that such households shall have a job card with at least one member willing to work on the project undertaken on their land or homestead. It has been proposed to take up plantation activities on homesteads of beneficiaries of Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme (CMSPGHS).

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3. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has sent the proposal along with the draft guidelines for Homestead plantation under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Indira Awaas Yojana and Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme houses for approval of the Government.

4. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj accord permission to take up the plantation activities under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme on homesteads of beneficiaries of Indira Awaas Yojana and Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme and approve the guidelines for Homestead plantation under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Indira Awaas Yojana and Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme houses annexed to this order.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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ANNEXURE

Guidelines for Homestead Plantation under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Indira Awaas Yojana and Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme Houses

1. Introduction:

The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 envisages that "Works creating individual assets shall be prioritised on land or homesteads owned by households belonging to the

- a) Scheduled Castes
- b) Scheduled Tribes
- c) Nomadic tribes
- d) Denotified tribes
- e) Other families below the poverty line
- f) Women-headed households
- g) Physically handicapped headed households
- h) Beneficiaries of land reforms
- i) Beneficiaries under the Indira Awaas Yojana
- j) beneficiaries under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007), and after exhausting the eligible beneficiaries under the above categories, on lands of the small or marginal farmers as defined in the Agriculture Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008 subject to the condition that such households shall have a job card with at least one member willing to work on the project undertaken on their land or homestead.

(Para 5 of Revised Schedule I)

Thus, in order to prioritise works taken up on homesteads, it has been decided to take up plantation activities on homesteads of beneficiaries of Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) or Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme (CMSPGHS). Four seedlings/saplings of an economically useful variety of plant shall be planted on the premises of these houses.

2. Scope of Operation

Only those beneficiaries provided with houses under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) or the Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme (CMSPGHS) for the year 2015-16 shall be covered under this Scheme. The beneficiary shall be provided with 4 fruit yielding/ economically important seedlings/saplings, as desired by them.

3. General Conditions

The following general conditions are to be fulfilled while executing the work on homestead plantation under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

1. The works shall be approved by the Gram Sabha and shall form a part of the annual shelf of projects.
2. No contractor or machinery shall be used in the execution of the works
3. Since the beneficiary of Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)/Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme (CMSPGHS) would have already engaged in the construction activities on his/her own house for which a maximum of 90 days of unskilled work is provided to him/her and another 10 days of unskilled work out of the 15 days of work for Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) is also provided, the homestead beneficiary shall not be eligible to work on these plantation activities.

4. Only registered Job Card holders other than the beneficiary to be provided employment on these works.
5. Social Audits through Gram Sabhas shall be an integral feature.
6. The responsibility of maintenance of these plants provided under MGNREGS will rest with the beneficiary household.

4. Implementation

1. All the IAY / Chief Minister Solar Powered Green Houses in the Village Panchayat shall be considered as a single work and work estimates arrived for the same by the competent Technical authority viz. Overseer of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.
2. According of Technical Sanction of works shall be done by the competent authority as laid down in G.O.(Ms.) No.203, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR.I) Department, dated 20.12.2007. Village Panchayat wise detailed action plan shall be prepared by the Block Development Officer (Village Panchayats) and shall be got approved by the Gram Sabha.
3. The type of plants to be raised shall be assessed by the Project Director, DRDA in consultation with Joint Director (Horticulture) and Forest Officials who shall finalise the type of Plantation to be undertaken.
4. The Project Director, DRDA shall in turn communicate the approved categories of plant species to the Block Development Officer (Village Panchayats) who shall finalise the method of procurement of these seedlings/saplings.
5. The seedlings raised in nurseries under MGNREGS may be utilised for homestead plantation. It could also be obtained from Horticulture Department or Forest Department or other nurseries.
 - a. In case, nurseries are raised under MGNREGS for the purpose of homestead plantation, raising of seedlings/saplings in nurseries shall be considered as a separate work from homestead plantation.
 - b. In case of procurement of seedlings/saplings from other departments, the amount for the procurement shall be booked as material component under MGNREGS.

5. Execution of work

1. The Village Panchayat shall be the implementing agency.
2. Nominal Muster Roll will be issued by the President of the Village Panchayat.
3. Attendance and monitoring of the work shall be done by one of the workers of MGNREGS of the Village Panchayat concerned, who will be the Worksite Supervisor.
4. Pre-marking shall be done by the Overseer of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.
5. Measurement of works for the purpose of weekly payment of wages to workers shall be done by the Overseer of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department. Based on the number of pits completed, seedlings/saplings planted, the wage shall be disbursed to individual MGNREGS workers.
6. Processing of bills and issue of Fund Release Order shall be done by the Block Development Officer (Village Panchayat) through e-FMS.

6. Technical Points

a) Species

1. The species may be decided based on the local conditions such as nature of soil, climatic conditions, economic value, usefulness to the community etc.,
2. The species selected may be fruit bearing plants or plants of economic value.

Note : Care should be taken to utilise the local variety of plants and not introduce any exotic species which might adversely affect the soil topography/local species of plants.

b) Pits

1. The size of pits may vary according to the species selected.
2. The pits should not be close to the house since the roots can cause structural damage. The distance should be decided based on the spread of roots and canopy of the selected species.
3. Pits should be dug well in advance, so that the pit and the soil to be filled are exposed to sunlight.
4. While filling the pits, top soil should be filled in the bottom of the pit and after this, subsoil should be filled.

Note : Care should be taken that such species of plants which are deep-rooted and which might cause structural damage to the building shall not be selected.

7. Maintenance of these plants by the Beneficiary

The individual beneficiary shall undertake regular watering, weeding and manuring.

1. They should provide tree guard/fencing to protect the plantation from grazing and damage by stray cattle and trespassing.
2. The beneficiary shall be educated to utilise the kitchen waste/bio-degradable waste for composting and use as manure for these plants.

8. Survival Rate of Plants

1. 100% Survival rate of the Plants shall be ensured
2. Casualty replacement shall be done in places where the plants did not survive and the work estimates shall be arrived for these casualty replacement also.

9. Fund Requirement

For 54,000 Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and 60,000 Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green Houses altogether 1,14,000 houses proposed for the year 2015-16, plantation cost of 4 saplings/seedlings at the rate of Rs.308.72 per house will amount to Rs.3.50 Crore.

If seedlings are brought at an average rate of Rs.16 from Horticulture/Forest or other nurseries, then for 1,14,000 houses, providing 4 saplings/seedlings will amount to Rs.72.60 lakh

Thus, the total fund required for the homestead plantation will amount to Rs.4.23 Crore and shall be met under MGNREG Scheme.

The Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department is empowered to modify these guidelines, whenever necessary, in consultation with the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

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