

Scheme for Independent Monitoring by Eminent Citizens for strengthening the implementation of NREGA

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Ministry of Rural Development  
Department of Rural Development

Objective

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OFFICE ORDER

**Subject:- Constitution of a Committee for screening proposals for inclusion in the panel of Eminent Citizens for strengthening the implementation of NREGA**

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With reference to above subject, it has been decided to constitute a Screening Committee comprising the following officers for examining the proposals and finalizing the panel:-

- (i) Shri Mohd. Haleem Khan, Director General, CAPART-Chairperson
- (ii) Dr. Amar Singh, Joint Secretary (SGSY)
- (iii) Smt. Amita Sharma, Joint secretary (NREGA)- Member Secretary
- (iv) Shri D.S. Gangwar, Joint Secretary (Admn.)
- (v) Smt. Neelam Sawhney, Joint Secretary
- (vi) Shri Rohit Kumar, Deputy Secretary (NREGA)- Convenor

A copy of the Scheme for Independent Monitoring by Eminent Citizens for strengthening the implementation of NREGA is enclosed for reference please.

This has the approval of Secretary, Rural Development.

  
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Under Secretary (A)

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# **Scheme for Independent Monitoring by Eminent Citizens for strengthening the implementation of NREGA**

## **1. Objective**

- 1.1 NREGA is an important Central law having a large demographic and geographical spread. It assures livelihood guarantee to the entire population above 18 years of age residing in rural areas of the country. The size of the programme has progressively expanded. From 2.10 crores of persondays during the first year (2006-07), employment generation surpassed 215 crores during 2008-09.
- 1.2 The Act is being implemented by the elected representatives of PRIs and Line Departments. During 2008-09, Rs.27,137.87 crores was spent creating 216 crore days of employment for 4.5 crore rural households. The Act provides for the legal guarantee of livelihood to rural households, timely payment of wages and social audit of the processes and outcomes of the implementation of the Act. However, the standard of outputs and outcomes varies from place to place and grievances arise from time to time. Cases of deviation from law are also reported in the media and debated in the Parliament and the State Assemblies.
- 1.3 Assessment of the implementation of the programme in an independent and credible manner is necessary to resolve the difficulties that arise in course of implementation of the Act. Such assessment requires association of eminent citizens from the civil society having the requisite interest, knowledge and expertise in NREGA. Their visits to the States and Districts can provide a mechanism for an independent third party assessment of the situation and an important source of feedback to the Government. This can greatly contribute to identifying the shortcomings and removing them in a progressive manner. Accordingly, a panel of 100 Eminent Citizens from civil society will be set up for making periodic assessment of the implementation of NREGA. In any given year, about 100 districts across India will be selected for visits by them. The panel will be valid for two years and fresh panel will be created for the next two years thereafter with new members on a continuous basis.

## **2. Qualification**

Following categories of persons may be considered for selection :

- i. Retired judges of the Supreme Court and High Court
- ii. Retired Ambassadors.
- iii. Retired Chief Secretaries of the States and Secretaries of Government of India.
- iv. Retired Vice Chancellors of Central and State Universities
- v. Retired members of the defence above the rank of Brigadier.
- vi. Business entrepreneurs with exemplary track record of discharge of Corporate Social Responsibility.
- vii. Social activists who have been recognized nationally and internationally.

- viii. Academicians and Scientists of national repute including Professors of Central Universities.
- ix. Reputed Civil Society Organizations.
- x. Chairman and Members of Board of Directors, Senior Managers and Technocrats of listed companies having a net worth of at least Rs.500 crores.
- xi. Heads and Senior members of Research Organizations of national repute.
- xii. Editors and Journalists of newspapers / TV channels having DAVP empanelment / PIB accreditation.

### 3. **Nomination**

- 3.1 The persons with the required qualification may nominate themselves for selection as Eminent Person. Other individuals and organizations may also submit nominations of eligible Eminent Persons.
- 3.2 In order to invite nominations advertisements in prominent national Dailies may be published.
- 3.3 On receipt of the nominations consent will be obtained from the eligible applicants.
- 3.4 The names of the eligible applicants who give their consent will be published on the Programme Website (nrega.nic.in) for inviting comments from the public within a period of 30 days. On the consideration of the comments, the names of the eligible persons will be finalised. No anonymous comments will be considered.
- 3.5 The selected persons may provide their preference for one District of the country for their visit and assessment of the programme.

### 4. **Allowances**

The Eminent Citizens so empanelled will be eligible for TA/DA as per the norms of Government of India applicable to officers of Government of India of the rank of Secretary.

### 5. **Functions**

- 5.1 One District may be earmarked to each Eminent Person for monitoring and the same shall not be subject to change.
- 5.2 The person may visit the earmarked District once in a year in consultation with the Ministry. He will spend six days in the District including the days of travel to monitor the implementation of the Act. He/she may interview various officials, PRI functionaries, NREGS workers and other stakeholders of NREGA to assess the implementation quality. He may request for any information in regard to the implementation of the programme from any of the NREGA authorities.

5.3 The person may observe the best practices and innovations that may have been undertaken by the State or the district administration in the implementation of NREGA.

6. **Orientation**

The selected Eminent Citizens may be provided orientation by the Central Government to enable them to discharge their functions. Orientation may also be provided by State Governments whenever necessary.

7. **Experience Sharing Workshop**

Every year one workshop may be held in which all the Eminent Citizens will participate to facilitate sharing of experiences with the Ministry and other stakeholders. State Governments may also be requested to participate in the Workshop.

8. **Budget Estimate : Rs. 55.00 lakhs per year**

	Amount in Rs.
Number of Eminent Persons	100
Number of Visits per year per Eminent Person	1
Total Visits per year	100
<b>Estimation of Cost</b>	
Travel Cost by Air by Executive Class per person per visit (to and fro)	25,000.00
Boarding and Lodging for 6 days @ Rs. 5000 per day	30,000.00
Average Cost per visit per person	55,000.00
<b>Total Cost per year</b>	<b>55,00,000.00</b>

## APPLICATION FORM FOR EMINENT PERSON FOR NREGA

### Details of Nominee for Eminent Person

1. Name
2. Father's/Husband's name
3. Date of birth
4. Present occupation
5. Permanent Address
6. State of Domicile
7. Address for communication
8. Telephone No.
9. Mobile No.
10. Email ID

Photograph
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11. Languages known  
(Tick the appropriate column)

Sl. No.	Language	Read	Write	Speak

12. Work experience

Year	Organization	Work done	Remarks

13. Awards
14. Publications

**Details of the Proposer**

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Signature of Nominee

Name

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