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**Subject: Role of Line Department**

As per Section 13 (1) of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, the Panchayats at district, intermediate and village levels shall be the principal authorities for planning and implementation of the Schemes made under NREG Act. The Gram Panchayat is the single most important implementing agency for executing works as the Act mandates earmarking a minimum of 50 per cent of the works in terms of costs to be executed by the Gram Panchayat. This is the statutory minimum. Up to 100 per cent of the work approved in the annual Shelf of Projects can be allotted to the Gram Panchayat.

2. The main role of the Line Department of the Government is to give technical support in the nature of estimates, measurement and supervision of the works executed.

3. In case a work has to be executed by a Line Department, it may be noted that the shelf of projects approved prior to commencement of the year would be the basis for giving employment. No additional works would be permissible after approval of the labour budget for a particular year. The work will be offered only upon receipt of demand from job card holding households and work will be executed only through the job card holders in response to their applications for employment. Muster Roll for each work will be maintained. No overhead charge will be given to any Line Department for the work execution.

4. No allocation of work to a Line Department as an implementation agency will be permissible at any level if that work and the identification of the agency to execute that work has not already been included in the shelf of projects and approved by the GP/IP/ZP through the process prescribed under Section 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the Act.

5. Wages to workers in a work executed by the Line Department would be paid through Post Offices/Banks wherever joint accounts opened irrespective of implementing agency.

6. Works within the jurisdiction of Gram Panchayat will be executed only by Gram Panchayat.

7. This may please be noted for strict and scrupulous compliance while executing works under NREGA.

  
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