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D.O. NO. 28012/7/05-06-NREGA  
14<sup>th</sup> June, 2006

Dear Dr. Surjya Kanta Mishra Ji,

My Ministry has been emphasizing time and again that only works permissible under Schedule I of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) can be taken up under NREGA in the State. Reports from field visits by Area Officers and National Monitors indicate that some works have been taken up in States which are neither included in Schedule I nor approved by the Central Government under Section 1(ix) of Schedule I. The Central share of the expenditure on such works could not be met under the NREG programme.

2. NREGA resources under the Act should be focused on water conservation and plantation works. Efforts should be primarily made to address requirements of water conservation, water harvesting and plantation. Nurseries can also be reared with funds released under the programme. A special effort must be made to take up minor irrigation works on lands of SC & ST and Indira Awaas Yojana and land reform beneficiaries as provided for in the Act.

3. Technical supervision of works is absolutely essential. My Ministry has been repeatedly advising State Governments to provide at least one additional technical assistant for 10 Gram Panchayats in addition to technical staff already available so that works can be properly supervised. This is particularly relevant where the number of works is quite large. Please keep the Ministry of Rural Development informed about the steps taken by your government to provide adequate technical staff for proper estimation, supervision and measurement of works.

4. We have also been emphasizing the need for proper training to staff and member of PRIs. States which had sought funds were provided Rs. one lakh per district for training core functionaries through designated institutions at the State level. We have not received any feedback about training programmes conducted so far. Administrative expenses allowed under the programme can also be used for training. I request you to kindly pay special attention to this issue and arrange for proper training of staff and Panchayat Presidents.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Raghuwansh Prasad Singh)

To all States  
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Dear Shri Mewara

The Ministry has been emphasizing time and again that only works permissible under Schedule I of the NREG Act can be taken up under NREGA in the State. However, it has come to notice that some works have been taken up in States, which are neither included in Schedule I nor approved by the Central Government under Section 1(ix) of Schedule I. I would like to make it clear that under no circumstances will Central Government share the expenditure of such works and the entire expenditure will have to be borne by the State Government.

2. Water conservation and plantation be accorded the topmost priority and all efforts be made that NREGA resources be used to address the major tasks of water conservation, water harvesting and plantation. Nurseries can also be reared. Special effort be made to take up minor irrigation works on the lands of SC/ST/Indira Awaas beneficiaries and land reform beneficiaries as provided for in the Act.

3. Technical supervision of works is very essential. The Ministry has already advised the State Governments to provide at least one additional technical assistant for 10 Gram panchayats in addition to the technical staff already available so that the works can be properly supervised. This is particularly relevant where the number of works is quite large. The Ministry may be apprised about the steps, which have been taken by the State Government to provide adequate technical staff for proper estimation, supervision and measurement of works.

The Ministry had been emphasizing the need for proper training to the staff and the member of the PRIs. Some States, which had requested for funds were provided Rs.1.00 lakh per district for training of core functionaries through designated institutions at State level. The Ministry has not received any feedback about the training programmes conducted so far. Administrative expenses allowed under the programme can also be used for training. I would request you to kindly pay a special attention to this aspect and arrange for proper training of the staff and Panchayat Presidents.

Regards

Yours sincerely,

  
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**To :** Principal Secretaries/Secretaries(RD)/Secretaries incharge NREGA.

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20th February, 2006.

National Rural Employment Guarantee Act has come into force on 2nd February, 2006 and the districts covered in the States have already been intimated to you. Training will be a very important component in ensuring the success of the programme. The Central Government is keen that the training of the District Programme Coordinators, other concerned District Level Officers, Programme Officers, Project Directors of DRDAs, Presidents and Vice Presidents of District Panchayats and Intermediate Panchayats is conducted properly by the SIRDs or other institutions identified by the State Governments so that the training for the personnel down below can be conducted by the higher level persons so trained. It would be necessary to prepare a standard training module in local language for training to the Gram Panchayat functionaries and at least two model courses in each district for Gram Panchayat level functionaries should be organised by the State level training institution. The Ministry would be willing to fund the training programme separately upto Programme Officer level and model courses for the Gram Panchayat level if the training institution is identified and intimated to the Ministry immediately not later than a week. The training cost for district level and intermediate panchayat level functionaries has been assessed around Rs.200 per day which should include TA, board and lodging, cost of training material, honorarium to resource persons etc. The training duration for these functionaries would be for three days.

You are requested to identify the training institution for your State and intimate the number of persons to be trained and the likely expenditure on such training so that the funds can be sanctioned. The funds will be considered for release only to the SIRDs and SIRDs may network with other institutions, identified by the State Government and provide funds to these institutions on course-to-course basis out of the funds provided by the Ministry. However, the utilisation of funds will be overseen by the State Secretary incharge NREGA and UC could also be counter-signed by the Secretary or any other senior officer duly authorized by him in his behalf.

Please treat it as most urgent. Proposals received after 28.2.2006 will not be considered.

  
(AMITA SHARMA)