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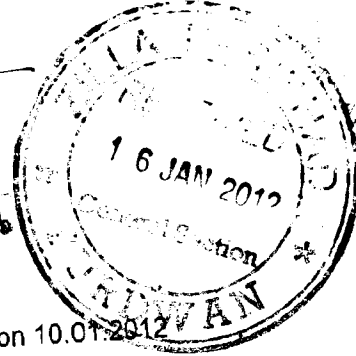
From: Joint Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal  
To: All District Magistrates

Dated 13.01.2012

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Sub.: Minutes of the review meeting, regarding

District Magistrate,  
Burdwan



Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to send herewith the minutes of the review meeting held on 10.01.2012 at Rotunda, Writers' Building, Kolkata, presided over by the Hon'ble Minister in Charge, Panchayat & Rural Development Department for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
Joint Secretary

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**Minutes of the Review meeting by the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge on implementation of Development Programmes initiated by the Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal**

Venue- Rotunda, Writer's Building. Kolkata Date:10/01/2012

The Hon,ble Minister-in-Charge took <sup>the</sup> chair and initiated discussion.

The following issues figured in the discussion with regard to better implementation of all the development programmes implemented by the Panchayats & Rural Development Department::

- i. Performance of the flagship programmes, i.e., MGNREGA, PMGSY, IAY was not up to the desired level. More focused attention at all levels were required to be taken for better implementation of these schemes.
- ii. The work for the ensuing Socio Economic & Caste Census (SECC) for identifying households living below the poverty line enabling the households to be ranked based on their socio-economic status is to be taken up in the right earnest.

Since the performance of MGNREGA was dismal, the following issues connected with the performance of the programme were identified for immediate remedial action:

1. The districts would take all possible efforts to increase the average number of days of employment provided to the households from existing nineteen days to at least fifty days by the end of this financial year.
2. The districts were requested to issue directives to the implementing agencies to ensure provision of fourteen days work at a stretch to the job seekers under this programme instead of providing work for 2-3 days at a time prevailing currently.
3. The non-performing Gram Panchayats would be instructed to take up projects under the programme. The list available with the districts in respect of those Gram Panchayats which would fail to improve in terms of performance would be brought under public domain. Release of funds to the implementing agencies should be made on the basis of performance to avoid parking of fund.
4. The failure of this programme was considered to be connected with the issue of a large time gap in making payments to the job-card holders. The Districts were requested to look in to this aspect with utmost priority so that the time gap in making payments to the labourers could be reduced substantially. In this regard, introduction of BC (Business Correspondent) Model was considered to be a viable alternative for making timely payments under this programme. Districts were requested to explore the possibilities and avenues in this aspect. District Magistrates were further requested to take up the matter with the Bank authorities in this regard. The districts which have already started successfully the mode of payments through BC Model on pilot basis should try to roll out the system in the entire district. This matter would also be taken up with the bankers at the State level.
5. The issue of performance review at appropriate levels were required to be in place. Emphasis on performance of the Gram Panchayats were required to be reviewed at regular intervals for improving different indicators under this programme. Good performing GPs would be rewarded so as to engender peer competitiveness among the GPs.
6. More emphasis on IEC strategies under this programme was required to be grounded for dissemination of information.

7. Line Departments must be involved in convergence, which will further increase the employment opportunities for the job-card holders.

The issue of engaging Sub-Assistant Engineers in this programme posted at the Blocks including the line departments, three-tier administrative and monitoring meeting etc. were some of the issues which were raised by the District Magistrates. The Department would issue necessary guidelines addressing these issues accordingly.

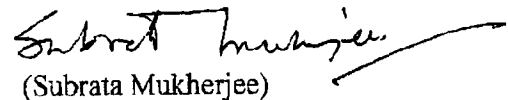
In respect of PMGSY the following issues were discussed:

1. In regard to the necessity of certain changes in the Core Network raised by some districts, it was informed by the departmental officers that due to freezing of the same in the national portal maintained by the NRRDA, no changes could be made. The matter would be taken up with the Government of India.
2. The list of roads under ADB assisted PMGSY recently received from the office of the District Magistrates were required to be looked in to.

As regards the toilets constructed in the schools under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), non-availability of water was found to be a problem area as there was no scope of provision of water under the programme. Making provision of water from other sources would be looked in to.

The Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge requested the District Magistrates to initiate all possible measures for improving the performance of the programmes implemented by this Department. He urged upon all of them to take it as a challenge.

The meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.

  
(Subrata Mukherjee)

Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge

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