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ORDER

Creation of durable assets and strengthening the livelihood resource base of the rural poor is an important objective of MGNREGS. Convergence of MGNREGA and department schemes would require the following:

- Imposition of some time limit.
- Emphasis on schedule output up to a threshold limit.
- Execution of work in a planned and systematic manner, in conformity with the design section.

Unfortunately, many of the above considerations are very difficult to implement during execution of works under MGNREGS. Claim of full wage irrespective of the output in violation of the spirit of proportionate payment for proportionate work, is being demanded almost everywhere. This matter has been under consideration of this Department for quite some and the related issues have been discussed with the Panchayat & Rural Development Department sometime back.

In the context of above, following modalities are suggested for implementation of works under MGNREGS in a more fruitful way in cancellation of the Department G.O.No.1084-SIW dated 23.10.2007.

Executive Engineer / his authorised representative will get the list of job card holders from the various Gram Panchayats (GPs) lying in the vicinity of assets owned and maintained by the Irrigation & Waterways Department. Job cards are to be issued by the respective Gram Panchayats to the interested local labourers.

Estimates, generally GP specific, will be prepared by Irrigation & Waterways Department mentioning time limit and submitted as per MGNREGA norms to the District Programme Coordinator (DPC), with a copy to the concerned Gram Panchayat (GP). The DPC will communicate approval to the Executive Engineer and will simultaneously inform the Programme Officer (PO) and the concerned GP. Normally material component in each estimate should not exceed 40%. However, exception may occur in special cases, subject to approval of the DPC. During preparation of estimates, scheduled output of unskilled labourers for various categories of earthwork and other works is to be considered as per provisions contained in Annexure-I. Assessment of requirement for skilled / semi-skilled / unskilled labourers for other categories of works may be made from the analysis of rates on the basis of which standard Schedule of Rates of the concerned Superintending Engineers are prepared, or from separate analysis in case of non-scheduled items, to be approved by such Superintending Engineers. However, rate of such skilled / semi-skilled / skilled workers shall be considered in conformity with the prevailing MGNREGA norms.

Assistant Engineer will take steps to start the work upon receipt of indented fund from the DPC/PO for the next two months, against the approved estimates, in a Savings Bank Account to be opened in his name. Separate order for opening the Bank Account is being issued. Assistant