



Government of West Bengal

Panchayats & Rural Development Department

Joint Administrative Building, Block – HC-7, Sector – III, Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata – 700 106

No. 19/ACS/P &RD/2019

Dated: 03/06/2019

To: The Principal Secretary, GTA

The District Magistrate & District Programme Coordinator (all),

Additional Executive Officer, Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad

Sub: Engagement of job-seekers under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA in Secondary/Primary Schools.

Ref: Memo Nos.526 dated 18.09.2013 and No.2129 dated 17.04.2017.

Madam/Sir,

Your personal attention is drawn to the earlier order of engagement of job-seekers in schools as issued by this department on 10.10.2013 and further clarification on the same subject issued on 17.04.2017. It is reiterated that there is ample scope of engaging MGNREGA job-seekers in several activities within the school premises. In our letter on 17.04.2017, eight different permissible activities were mentioned for taking up in the school premises. While activities like land development, development of infrastructure for composting, construction of platform and soak pits for water sources, construction of toilets for boys and girls in school are one time in nature, in the plantation sector, there is adequate opportunity for continued engagement. Nurseries need wage-seeker engagement for a minimum period of two years and plantation of perennial plants require maintenance support for three to four years. These are the schemes which may be implemented in the school premises where Mahatma Gandhi NREGA wage seekers can be engaged on a long term basis. The avenues may be suitably explored to support environment cleanliness initiatives in the school premises. It is reiterated that any activity which is not in the list of permissible activities and does not lead to creation of productive assets is inadmissible in Mahatma Gandhi NREGA.

Yours faithfully,


3/6/2019
Additional Chief Secretary

No. 19/1/ACS/P &RD/2018

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Memo. No. 2129(23)-RD/O/NREGA/18S-04/09

Dated: 17/04/2017

From: Saurabh Kumar Das, IAS
Additional Chief Secretary

To: The Principal Secretary, GTA
The District Magistrate and District Programme Coordinator (all),
The Additional Executive Officer, Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad

Sub: Activities in school premises, Health Institutions and
Anganwadi Centres

Ref.: Convergence guidelines and instructions from the Hon'ble Chief
Minister in several district review meetings

Madam/Sir,

Since 2013 there have been a series of instructions from both the School Education Department and us regarding utilization of the services of job seekers registered under MGNREGA in providing certain services in the schools and Anganwadi Centres. While implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act follows certain specific provisions and only works from approved list of activities as in schedule I can be implemented under the programme, the priority of the State Government in providing certain services in schools and Anganwadi Centres cannot be neglected. Naturally there is a need to provide such services to schools and Anganwadi Centres within the overall guidelines of the programme. While doing so, the issue of MIS and MIS based payment may always be kept in mind. Following activities in the school premises including the premises of the Sishu Siksha Kendras and Madhyamik Siksha Kendras are supported by the programme guidelines:

1. Land development, including development of play ground
2. Development of orchards
3. Plantation
4. Bio-fencing through vegetative hedges
5. Development of nursery within the school premises
6. Infrastructure for composting
7. Management of liquid waste by construction of platform and soak pits for all water sources in the school premises.
8. Construction of toilets for boys/girls in schools

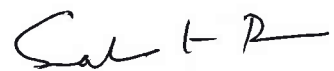
Similar activities may also be taken up in the Health Institutions (RH, BPHC, PHC) and Anganwadi Centres based on local requirements. This is in addition to the actual

construction of AnganwadiCentres for which Mahatma Gandhi NREGA contributes an amount of Rs.5.00 lakh in addition to convergent resources from the Child Development Department and other Departments.

Since so many activities out of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA can be taken up in the premises of the schools and AnganwadiCentres, the specific requirement of the School Education Department, Health & Family Welfare Department and the Department of Social Welfare & Child Development should be addressed holistically. What the Government desires is actually a couple of people to coordinate all such activities in the School/Health Centre/CDS premises. In Mahatma Gandhi NREGA we have the provision of supervisors to supervise to specific work implemented in the field. Naturally the services of a couple of job-seekers of supervisors and one job-seeker/supervisor should conveniently be utilized to look after the school/Health Institution/AnganwadiCentre related activities by suitable tagging against some existing work from the approved shelf of schemes. Even in case due to dearth of land etc., specific work cannot be taken up within the premises of the school, the workers/supervisors of nearby community works may also be suitably attached to the school. In terms of specific works, plantation provides maximum potential for such continued engagement as in plantation only we have the provision of providing wages for maintenance activities. This window may suitably be utilized.

This set of instructions supersedes all previous orders on the subject and may be creatively used by the District Programme Coordinators (District Magistrates and the Principal Secretary, GTA) to ensure that the priorities of the State Government are met.

Yours faithfully,



(Saurabh Kumar Das)
Additional Chief Secretary

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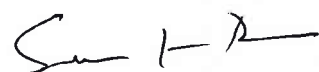
The Senior PS to the Chief Secretary

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The Secretary, School Education Department



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