

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
ST & SC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

No. 18033 / SSD, Bhubaneswar, Dated 17.09.2021
STSCD-FRA-MISC-0035-2018

From

Sri Raj Kishore Das,
Officer on Special Duty

To

All Nodal Officers on FRA (9 PA, ITDAs & 21 DWOs).

Sub:- Minutes of the State Convergence Committee Meeting of MGNREGS held under the Chairmanship of Development Commissioner-cum-ACS on 04.09.2021 at 6.00 PM.

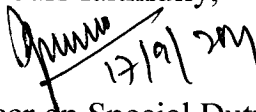
Ref.:- Letter bearing No.15617 dated 16.09.2021 of the Panchayati Raj & D.W. Department, Govt. of Odisha.

Sir/Madam,

In enclosing herewith a copy of the letter dated 16.09.2021 of Panchayati Raj & D.W. Department, Govt. of Odisha on the subject cited above, I am directed to say that the instruction contained in Para-5(vi) of the minutes of the meeting related to land development of the FRA beneficiaries under MGNREGS may please be followed scrupulously for the larger interest of the eligible FR title holders.

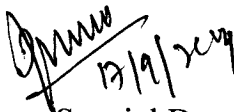
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Yours faithfully,


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Officer on Special Duty

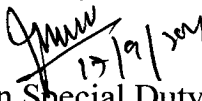
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Copy along with copy of the enclosure sent to all Collectors-cum-Chairperson of DLCs on FRA for information and necessary action.


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Copy along with copy of the enclosure sent to the PD, OPELIP / DD-cum-DS in charge of TD-I, SSD Department for information and necessary action.


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15617

Date: 16/9/21

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Director, Special Projects

To

The Additional Chief Secretary,
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The Principal Secretary,
Department of Water Resources/ W & CD Department / ST & SC
Development Department
Commissioner-cum-Secretary
Department of Agriculture & FE/ Handloom, Textiles & Handicraft
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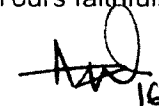
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Sub: **Minutes of the State Convergence Committee Meeting of MGNREGS held under the Chairmanship of Development Commissioner-cum-ACS on 04.09.2021 at 6.00 PM.**

Madam/Sir,

I am to communicate the minutes of the meeting of the State Convergence Committee of MGNREGS held under the Chairmanship of Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, Odisha on **4th September 2021 at 6.00 PM.** in virtual mode for favour of kind information & necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

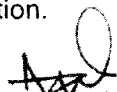

16/9/2021
Director, Special Projects



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Copy Communicated to:

1. PS to Development Commissioner-cum-ACS for kind information of the Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, Odisha.
2. OSD to Principal Secretary, PR & DW Department for kind information of Principal Secretary, PR & DW Department.
3. All Collector-cum-DPCs, MGNREGS for information & necessary action.
4. All PD, DRDAs for information & necessary action.
5. All BDOs for information & necessary action.


16/9/2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the State Convergence Committee of MGNREGS held under the Chairmanship of Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, Odisha on 4th September 2021 at 6.00 PM in virtual Mode.

The meeting of the State Convergence Committee of MGNREGS was held under the Chairmanship of Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, Odisha on 4th September 2021 at 6.00 PM in virtual Mode.

The list of participants of the meeting is appended at **Annexure-I**.

1. Beginning the conversation, the Principal Secretary, PR & DW Department welcomed the Chair and other members/ participants to the meeting. With kind permission of the Chair, Principal Secretary, PR & DW Department appraised the Committee of the status of implementation of MGNREG Scheme in the State and emphasized the potential of the convergence of MGNREGS with other Schemes in achieving the ambitious goal of Rs10,000 crore expenditure under MGNREGS this Financial Year. He pointed out that it is the Blocks/ GPs that are shouldering the majority of the responsibilities under MGNREGS. Active involvement of Line Departments can bring technical expertise and improve the durability of assets created under the Scheme. Citing the example of various initiatives taken up in the District of Ganjam, he requested the Line Departments to step up their efforts in this direction. He also requested the Line Departments to refer to the MGNREGA Annual Master Circular for guidance.
 2. With the permission of the Chair, the Director, Special Projects made a PowerPoint presentation on the objectives of the MGNREG Act, initiatives of State Government, the status of implementation of MGNREGS, approved Annual Action Plans of Line Departments for convergence with MGNREGS and performance thereof during current Financial Year.
 3. **OBSERVATION OF DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER-CUM-ACS:**
 - i. In his initial remarks, the Development Commissioner-cum-ACS emphasized taking up more projects in convergence with MGNREGS taking advantage of the provision of **90: 10** ratio grants from the Centre and State respectively. Through convergence, more value can be obtained from the projects, he added. Citing the example of different community assets like Goshalas, Community Tank, Transformation of Schools, etc. taken up in convergence with MGNREGS in Ganjam District, he instructed the Line Departments to take up similar projects across the State.
 - ii. He further added that if the Line Departments do not spend a sizable amount of funds under MGNREGS, drastic measures like curtailing their budgetary allocation may also be considered. He underlined the fact that since the 40% material component permitted under MGNREGS is yet to be fully utilized; it should not be an excuse for not executing MGNREGS work. Additional material components, if needed, beyond what is available under MGNREGS may be provided in the State Budget of the respective Departments.
- He requested the Line Departments to shoulder equal responsibilities as the



PRIs. He requested all Line Departments to take up climate-resilient works like Farm Pond, Trenches, Earthen Channel, etc. to mitigate the effect of climate change triggered calamities.

- iv. He also highlighted the provision of 4% Administrative Contingency under MGNREGS to strengthen the Implementation unit at various levels by hiring Technical Personnel.
- v. The DC-cum-ACS opined that the performance of some of the Line Departments is not up to the mark during this fiscal as on date, they should make effort to improve their performance.
- vi. All Line Departments to make maximum expenditure under MGNREGS.

4. OBSERVATION OF PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PR & DW DEPARTMENT:

- i. Principal Secretary, PR & DW observed that the share of different components under NRM is languishing around 25% of all expenditure, this shall be brought to more than 60% in order to bring climate resilience.
- ii. The Line Departments may join the weekly VC of PR & DW Department held on every Friday with the Collector-cum-DPCs/ PD, DRDAs/ BDOs, etc. to resolve the issues concerning the implementation of the projects taken up by them under MGNREGS.

5. After detailed deliberations, the following decisions were taken:

- i. Forest & Environment Department to take up development of Nurseries involving the Women Self Help Groups in every Gram Panchayat.
- ii. WSHGs shall be given responsibilities in the implementation of different activities as per the guidelines communicated by the PR & DW Department.
- iii. Forest roads can be taken up under MGNREGS up to Grade-I metalling. Large tanks to be constructed in Forest areas. However, for the protection of forests, the creation of forest fire lines is not a permissible work under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.
- iv. Job cards to be issued to all eligible households in order to ensure the availability of adequate Job-card holders for the activity of all implementing agencies.
- v. Department of Water Resources to give specific targets to each Executive Engineer for every component. Activities like silt traps should be explored in catchment area treatment.
- vi. Land development of the FRA beneficiaries shall be taken by the ST & SC Development Department under MGNREGS. Other activities like NRM works, Farm Ponds, Plantation Activities, Ghaat road, etc. shall also be taken up by the agencies of the ST & SC Development Department.
- vii. Technical Guidelines to be issued in respect of the execution of Contour Trenches.
- viii. Directorate of Horticulture & Directorate of Agriculture & Food Production to take up Farm Ponds.

- ix. Asan, Arjun plantation to be taken up in Gramya Jangal & in the Periphery of Forest, Wild Silk can be taken up in Forest areas.
- x. 10 crore Persondays to be generated by the Line Departments this fiscal.
- xi. Plantation activities to be given thrust to by all Line Departments/ PRIs.
- xii. Green Fencing to be taken up by the Directorate of Soil Conservation & Watershed Development, Directorate of Horticulture, Directorate of Agriculture & Food Production and Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department in 2000 Government-run schools each year for the protection of plantation.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and all participants.


Development Commissioner-cum-
Additional Chief Secretary, Odisha

Annexure-I

Participants of the State Convergence Committee Meeting Dated 4th September 2021.		
#	Designation of the Participant	
1	Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary	Chairperson
2	Principal Secretary, ST & SC Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare Department	Member
3	Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department	Member
4	Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment	Member
5	Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Handloom, Textiles & Handicraft Department	Member
6	Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Fisheries & ARD Department	Member
7	Special Secretary, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department	Member
8	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Odisha	Special Invitee
9	EIC-cum-Special Secretary, Rural Development Department	Member
10	Director, Special Projects, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department	Member- Convenor
11	Director, NRLM	Member
12	Director, Horticulture	Member
13	Director, Soil Conservation & Watershed Development	Member
14	Director, Agriculture & Food Production	Special Invitee
15	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PPA), Odisha	Special Invitee
16	Director, Drinking Water & Sanitation, PR & DW Department	Special Invitee
17	Director, ST, ST & SC Development Department	Special Invitee
18	Director, Social Welfare, WCD & MS Department	Special Invitee
19	Director, Textiles, H, T & H Department	Special Invitee
20	Director, CAD, Department of Water Resources	Special Invitee
21	Programme Director, OTELP PLUS & OPELIP	Special Invitee
22	Chief Engineer, MI	Special Invitee
23	Chief Engineer, (Agril.)	Special Invitee
24	Conservator of Forest, (Afforestation)	Special Invitee
25	Additional Secretary, MGNREGS, PR & DW Department	Special Invitee
26	Additional Secretary, W & CD Department	Special Invitee
27	Additional Secretary, Rural Development Department	Special Invitee
28	Joint Director, MIS, MGNREGS	Special Invitee
29	Deputy Secretary, MGNREGS, PR & DW Department	Special Invitee
30	FA-cum-Deputy Secretary, MGNREGS, PR & DW Department	Special Invitee
31	Deputy Director, MIS, PR & DW Department	Special Invitee
32	Deputy Director, Horticulture	Special Invitee