



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Local Self Government Department-Mahatma Gandhi NREGS- Annual Master Circular 2019-20 issued by Government of India-Clarifications of provisions for smooth implementation of the scheme in the State- orders issued

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**LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT(DD)DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Rt)No.1635/2019/LSGD** Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 30/07/2019

Read 1 AMC issued by MoRD, Government of India in the month of June 2019

2 Letter No.2359/C/2018/REGS dated 10.07.2019 from Mission Director(MGNREGS)

**ORDER**

As per the reference read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above, Government of India issued guidelines for implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS for the year 2019-20. As per the reference read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above, the Mission Director(MGNREGS) submitted that the following three points in the guideline requires decision/clarification from the State Government for smooth implementation of the Scheme in the State.

1. As per the para 7.1.7(b) of Annual Master Circular-"All procurement orders must be approved by the competent State Government official on whom such financial powers are vested. In no case shall such a functionary be below the rank of Block Development Officer. Such financial powers shall not be delegated further."
2. As per the para 7.1.7(c) of Annual Master Circular- "If some items are to be used across the entire block eg;bricks, reinforcement bars etc., then the requirement from each GP for the entire financial year may be aggregated at the block level. The BDO shall call a tender for such aggregated items so that materials are procured at competitive rates and economies of scale are achieved. The BDO shall approve the vendors along with rates for procurement of the aggregated items. In all such cases the GPs may procure the material at approved rates through vendors approved by BDO."
3. As per the para 7.4.12.III of Annual Master Circular-"The quantum of

assistance given to individual beneficiaries will vary according to the geographical locations & economic activity. On one hand, the scheme must try to reach largest number of beneficiaries, but on the other hand, one must give beneficiaries such assets that can lead to sustainable increase in income, eg.an irrigation well which usually costs up to Rs.6 lakh can transform the life of a farmer. The decision for capping the quantum of assistance is to be decided by the respective State Government.Till such time, the state Government decides on the upper limit, the capping shall be at Rs.2 Lakh per beneficiary."

Government have examined the matter in detail and, are pleased to issue clarifications on the above three points of the Annual Master Circular 2019-20 as stated below for smooth execution of the Scheme in the state.

Sl No	AMC 2019-20 Para No.	Clarification issued
1	Para 7.1.7(b)	As the execution of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS in the state is vested with Grama Panchayats, and the Secretary of Grama Panchayat has equal Scale of Pay as that of Block Development Officer, the existing permission for Secretaries of Grama Panchayat for the procurement of materials for Mahatma Gandhi NREGS works shall be continued.
2	para 7.1.7(c)	As the execution of MGNREGS is carried out solely by the Grama Panchayats in the State, a procurement committee is made responsible for the purpose, and as the materials can be conveniently procured in the proximity of Grama Panchayat itself, the material procurement shall also be done by Grama Panchayat.The BDO directly or the Jt.BDO(EGS)/Jt.BDO(H)/any Extension Officer deputed by BDO for the purpose may be made as a member of the Grama Panchayat Level Procurement Committee to observe the tender process and to provide advice upon the rates fixed and to report upon the prices fixed by the committee to District Programme Coordinator of MGNREGS, Mission Director(MGNREGS) and Director of Panchayats as and when required. The rate of materials as arrived shall be forwarded to the Block Level committee constituted as per G.O(MS) No.284/2012/LSGD dated 03.11.2012,upon which they shall examine the rates and prepare a common rate for the block,considering relevant facts.

3	Para 7.412.III	The upper cap for the quantum of assistance given to individual beneficiaries may be fixed at the following rates: For ST beneficiaries:Maximum Rs.6 Lakhs For SC beneficiaries:Maximum Rs.5 Lakhs For other category: Maximum Rs.4 Lakhs.
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