



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department - MGNREGS - Taking up of maintenance/rehabilitation of canals of Irrigation Department under MGNREGS-Sanction accorded- orders issued.

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LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (DD) DEPARTMENT

GO(Rt.)No.3125/2016/LSGD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 17.11.2016

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Read:1. Letter No.1926/EGS C/14/REGS dated: 24/10/2016 from the Mission
Director, MGNREGS.

2.Minutes of the Meeting of the Secretaries convened by the Chief Secretary on
20.10.2016

ORDER

Para 2.5.2.5 of the Master Circular issued by Ministry of Rural Development, GOI envisages that maintenance and rehabilitation of canal/ drains under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA of the Grama Panchayaths should be considered in consultation with the Irrigation Department. Only cases where maintenance requirement is established, but could not be addressed as a part of the regular maintenance work, can be considered under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA which may include de silting, maintenance of canal bunds and repair of lining etc., for which detailed survey, with existing L-section & designed L-section has to be carried out.

2. Para 2.5.3.1 of the Master Circular further provides that the productivity/ outcome should be strictly monitored by measuring the 'expected' outcomes, before any work is placed before the Gram Sabha/Ward Sabha for approval, and should not be closed without measuring the actual outcomes. As per item 3 of the list, the durability of Irrigation canal including micro and minor irrigation is 15 to 25 years.

3. The Mission Director, MGNREGS reported to Government that demands were being raised from various quarters for issuing Musters for de-silting of irrigation canals in the wake of evident draught like situation in rural areas. A meeting of the Secretaries in charge of Water Resources and LSGD was held in the chamber of Chief Secretary to address this issue and it was decided to take up the irrigation canal works under MGNREGA. The Mission Director vide letter read as 1st paper above has forwarded proposals for issuing necessary orders. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to issue orders as follows:

I. Works for maintenance of canals and drains forming part of an irrigation system or a dam shall be taken up under MGNREGS as per para 2.5.2.5 of the Master Circular 2016-17 of MGNREGS. No piecemeal work will be done.

II. A plan for making the irrigation system fully functional shall be prepared by the Irrigation Department at the district level clearly demarcating the components to be taken up by the Irrigation Department and Mahatma Gandhi NREGA.

III. The plan should specifically mention the outcome in terms of areas covered under irrigation .

IV. The estimates and the connected records shall be prepared by Irrigation Department

V. In order to ensure that these works do not duplicate the regular maintenance work done by the irrigation Department, the District Programme Coordinator shall take the following precautions:

a. *The Action Plan prepared by the Irrigation Department for de silting/rehabilitation/maintenance of canals shall be sent to the concerned Grama Panchayats. The Grama Panchayat, within 7 days shall complete the verification and transmit it to the Irrigation Department. In case the verification is not completed within 7 days, the plan will be deemed to be approved.*

b. *Only cases where maintenance requirement is established, but could not be addressed as a part of the regular maintenance work shall be considered for approval under MGNREGA.*

c. *All works required to make an irrigation system fully functional shall be included in the plan which may include de silting, maintenance of canal bunds, and repair of lining etc, for which detailed survey should be conducted consisting of the survey sheets showing the existing L-Section and the designed L-Section.*

4. The Water Resources Department will issue a GO corroborating the provisions stipulated in this G.O. The plan for making the irrigation system fully functional shall be prepared by the Irrigation Department at the district level and the same shall be circulated to the Grama Panchayaths concerned by November 30th. The Grama Panchayaths shall return the proposals later by 7th December. On or before 10th of December, DPC shall accord approval for rolling out the convergent project in such a way that actual implementation can start in the month of December.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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SPECIAL SECRETARY

To

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