



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Abstract

Water Resources Department – MGNREGS-(Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme) - Taking up of maintenance/rehabilitation of canals of Irrigation department under MGNREGS – Sanction accorded – Orders issued

WATER RESOURCES(MP)DEPARTMENT

G.O.(RT)No.933/2016/WRD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 29/11/2016

Read:- 1) Minutes of the Meeting of the Secretaries convened by the Chief Secretary on 20-10-2016.

2) G.O(Rt)No.3125/2016/LSGD dtd 17-11-2016.

3) Letter No.1926/EGS C/14/REGS dtd 22-11-2016 from the Mission Director, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).

ORDER

1) 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 National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme of the Grama Panchayats 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 National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme 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) As per the reference 3rd above, the Mission Director Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has referred to the meeting of Secretaries held to formalise a mechanism for integrating works under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment

Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for ensuring irrigation systems are fully functional. The Mission Director has enclosed a copy of the Government Order issued as per the reference 2nd above outlining the guidelines on the basis of which canal/drains maintenance and rehabilitation works are to be taken up.

3) Para 4 of the said order reiterate that the supporting GO will be issued by Water Resources Department corroborating the provisions stipulated in this GO(Rt)No.3125/2016/LSGD dtd 17-11-2016.

4) In the circumstances explained above, Government 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 Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme as per para 2.5.2.5 of the Master Circular 2016-17 of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. No piecemeal work will be done.

II. A plan for making the irrigation system fully functional would 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 National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

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

IV. The estimates and the connected records would 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 and the District Programme Coordinator shall take the following precautions:

a) The Action Plan prepared by the Irrigation Department for desilting/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 Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

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.

5) The plan for making the irrigation system fully functional will be prepared by the Irrigation Department at the district level and the same will be circulated to the Grama Panchayats concerned by November 30th.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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Secretary to Government

To

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