



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local-Self-Government Department-Mahatma Gandhi NREGS - Clarification regarding the role of LSGD Engineering Wing in the implementation of the scheme on the backdrop of Annual Master Circular 2019-20 - Further instructions- Orders issued

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT(DD)DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.1/2020/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 01/01/2020

- Read 1 G.O.(Rt.)No. 2107/2006/LSGD dated 26.08.2006
2 G.O.(Rt.)No. 2688/2015/LSGD dated 04.09.2015
3 G.O.(Rt)No.2108/2016/LSGD dated 12.07.2016
4 G.O.(MS)No.162/2018/LSGD dated 08.11.2018
5 Annual Master Circular of MGNREGS issued by MoRD, Government of India in the month of June 2019
6 G.O.(MS)No.107/2019/LSGD dated 22.08.2019
7 Letter No.1925/C/19/REGS dated 27.07.2019 and 11.12.2019 from Mission Director(MGNREGS),Kerala,Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

As per the reference read as 5th paper above, Government of India have issued guidelines for implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for the year 2019-20. The para 7.12.5(g) of the AMC stipulates that there shall be at the State level a Chief Engineer headed cell in case of those States whose annual expenditure is more than Rs.1000 Crore. It further states that the positions in the State-level engineering cell shall be full time and filled on deputation from RD Department or other technical departments of the State Government and the State Government shall also provide for such supporting engineers like SE, EE, AE etc as may be required. It is envisaged that the above engineering cell shall be responsible for design, implementation, quality monitoring and corrective steps for implementation of MGNREGS works.

2. It was apprised by the Mission Director(MGNREGS) that as Kerala falls under the category of the States having annual expenditure of more than Rs.1000 Crores under the Scheme, the State is required to comply with the above direction of

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Government of India. Presently the technical team for implementation of MGNREGS at Grama Panchayat level in Kerala constitutes one Accredited Engineer and 2 Accredited Overseers each in all Grama Panchayats positioned on contract basis and one Accredited Engineer in each Block Panchayat to oversee the engineering activities at Grama Panchayat level. A senior most Asst.Executive Engineer from the Local Self Government Department's Engineering wing is also posted in the office of the State Mission Director on deputation basis vide Government Order read as 4th paper above to oversee the overall activities at State level. Besides this, the post of one District MGNREGS Engineer in each district on contract basis has also been sanctioned as per Government Order read as 6th paper above.

3. A permanent engineering cadre is in place in the Local Self Government Department (LSGD) to facilitate the Local Self Government Institutions in implementing various decentralised infrastructure works undertaken by them as well as other Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented through Local Self Government Institutions. As such there is about 4500 technical staff presently available with the LSGD Engineering Wing and orders had been issued as per Government Order read as 2nd and 3rd papers above ensuring that Mahatma Gandhi NREGS shall be the first priority of Engineers under Local Self Government Department.

4. As it is evident from the above that the State has ample strength of technical staff for implementation of MGNREGS, a submission was made to Government of India for granting exemption to the state from the above stated provisions of Annual Master Circular 2019-20 as creating an additional wing of engineers would be a huge burden to the exchequer.

5. During the review meeting of MGNREGS held by MoRD on December 03, 2019, the Secretary, MoRD has acceded to the request of the State with an additional proposition that there shall be government engineers at all tiers to whom Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is assigned as the primary duty and they shall not be given any work other than LSG Institutions works.

6. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased issue orders reiterating the directions issued as per Government order read as 2nd and 3rd papers above with the the following clarifications regarding the roles and responsibilities of engineering staff of LSGD Engineering Wing in implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS at each level as detailed below:

State level

- **Chief Engineer** (other than General CE) - Design of works, supervision and monitoring of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS works, technical support for SECURE state wide operation, periodical finalisation of SoR, LMR, Field inspection and corrective steps.

District Level

- **Executive Engineer** (in District PAUs) - Design of works, Technical sanction for estimates above 15 lakhs; Field level monitoring of project execution, technical advice for scheme implementation, LMR preparation and finalization for various materials, SoR Data approval through the committee concerned, field inspection, reporting and corrective steps.

Block Panchayat level

- **Assistant Executive Engineer** (in Block Panchayats) - Design of works, Technical Sanction for estimates between Rs. 5 lakh and 15 lakh, field level monitoring and technical advice for Grama Panchayats, check measurement of works, SoR approval through the committee.

Grama Panchayat level

- **Assistant Engineer** (in Grama Panchayats) - Technical support for Labour Budget and Annual Action Plan preparation, design of works, scrutiny of estimates, time bound technical sanctions through the committee, check measurement of work executed - including bill sanction, field inspection, monitoring and technical advice.
- At Grama Panchayat level, the Committee chaired by LSGD Assistant Engineer, constituted as per Government order read as 1st paper above shall continue to have the authorisation to accord Technical Sanction of works taken up under MGNREGS.
- Engineers from LSG Department should not be given any work other than LSGI works /outside the purview of LSGD.

7. The technical staff (Accredited Engineers and Overseers) of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS shall carry out the same tasks they are executing presently. They shall be additionally supported by the LSGD Engineers, as above, to oversee all the engineering activities pertaining to execution of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS works.

8. The Chief Engineer, LSGD should make necessary arrangements in this regard.

(By order of the Governor)
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The Accountant General, Thiruvananthapuram

All the Secretaries/Presidents of Block Panchayats (Through Commissioner for RD)

All the Secretaries/Presidents of District and Grama Panchayats (Through Panchayat Director)

All Engineers concerned in LSGD [Through the Chief Engineer (LSGD)]

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