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Sub : Closure of SGRY projects in the districts to be covered in the third phase of NREGA expansion from 1.4.2008.

Dear «Surname»,

You are aware that the Government of India has decided to extend National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) to all the rural areas of all the remaining districts of the country w.e.f. 1.4.2008. The SGRY programme shall stand discontinued in the districts on starting of the NREG Programme therein and these districts will not getting any allocation under SGRY from the next financial year. Therefore, SGRY works have to be completed by the close of the current financial year on 31st March, 2008.

In order to ensure smooth transition from SGRY to NREGA, the following points should be kept in view :-

1. The SGRY account will be closed on 31.3.2008. There would be a budget head only for the Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS).
2. The unspent amount under SGRY as on 31.3.2008 will be transferred to EGS account.
3. All SGRY projects will be closed on 31.3.2008 and no work would be carried out by following the SGRY processes. There would be no extension of time under SGRY for completion of these works beyond 31.3.2008. Closure means the measurement is complete on as is where is basis on the cut-off date and physical and financial assessment of the work completed and the value of work done be made. On this basis, payments are to be made and works treated as closed.
4. Any expenditure incurred from SGRY fund after 31.3.2008 shall be on the State account.
5. Full details at the time of the closure of the project should be brought on the record and must be sent to the MoRD.
6. Those incomplete works which are permissible under NREGA can be taken as new projects under NREGA, after following due process of selection of works as laid down in NREGA. No expenditure is permissible on such works which were sanctioned prior to 31.3.2008 but have not yet commenced.

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7. Fresh sanctions for taking of completion of incomplete permissible works as new projects in NREGA shall be subject to permissibility of the project under NREGA and further subject to other terms and conditions indicated below :-
 - a) The list of such works shall be duly approved by Gram Sabhas and PRIs as laid down in NREGA.
 - b) Only job card holders demanding employment will be employed as labour.
 - c) The overall ratio of 60:40 of wage and material will be maintained at the district level and no contractor/ machinery to be used.
 - d) Muster rolls will have to be maintained as prescribed under NREGA.
 - e) These works will be included as works for providing employment and so will count towards the 100 days entitlement of the job card holders working on them and be recorded in their job cards.
 - f) The list of incomplete SGRY works will be displayed on the office of the Village/Intermediate/District Panchayat and the offices of PO/DPC so that the information on such works is transparent.
8. Each district will have to certify for all such incomplete SGRY works which are permissible under NREGA that :
 - a) The expenditure already incurred is properly accounted.
 - b) Work was actually sanctioned within the authorized allocation of the district.
9. For works which are not permissible under NREGA, State may fund this from other available resources of States and Central Government programmes.
10. States will bear the entire cost of such SGRY works, which were sanctioned after 31.3.2008, as these are specifically prohibited.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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