



GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT
JESSOP BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR
63, N.S. ROAD, KOLKATA – 700 001.

No. SPRD-92(18)-09/RD/P/NREGA/18S-01/08

Date : 21.01.2009

From : Principal Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal.

To : The District Magistrate – All.

Sub : Convergence of schemes under NREGA with other schemes

Sir/Madam,

The NREGA is being implemented primarily to provide guaranteed employment to the persons in need of manual work and should be utilized for generation of durable and useful assets to the society, particularly those which will be more useful to the poorer section of the society. There is need for convergence of other schemes with NREGA towards that end for maximizing benefit of the society. While one component of the same will be to improve the processes of implementation of all types of poverty alleviation programmes with better transparency and ensuring rights of the citizen the other component will be to generate good quality assets. In respect of the later, which normally requires more material cost, there will be need for dovetailing other schemes so that part of the non-wage component may be drawn from sources other than NREGA. Fund from BRGF, grants from the Finance Commission of the Centre and the State, own fund, those available for development of the SC, ST and the Minorities, Backward Villages as well as those available for promotion of self employment and SHG should be utilized for dovetailing for that purpose.

As a general guideline material component to be drawn from NREGA for such dovetailed schemes should be equal to the wage component for the scheme and the balance amount of material cost should be drawn from sources as mentioned above. In other words the ratio of wage and non-wage component of the NREGA portion will be 50:50 in such cases. In exceptional cases the wage and non-wage component out of NREGA may go up to a ratio of 40:60 and those cases should have the specific approval of the District Programme Coordinator. It is needles to mention that the wage component for NREGA for the district as a whole has to remain at least 60%.

Such dovetailing may be done for any types of activity without violating NREGA guidelines and will be particularly useful in construction of better quality of all weather roads, drains and flood protection works, construction of houses under IAY (in which land development portion may be taken up under NREGA), construction of green houses for horticulture development, roof top and other rain water harvesting structure requiring higher material component, minor irrigation works etc. Use of machines if becomes essential in implementation of such dovetailed schemes may be paid out of the non-NREGA component.

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You are requested to inform and orient all concerned on those issues for better outcome of NREGA.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal Secretary to the
Govt. of West Bengal.

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All Zilla Parishad / Mahakuma Parishad.

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