

**Government of West Bengal**  
**Department of Panchayats & Rural Development**  
**Jessop Building (1st Floor)**  
**63, Netaji Subhas Road**  
**Kolkata-700 001**

Memo No. 63/Comm.

Dated: 13 July, 2012

To

The District Magistrate and District Programme Coordinator, MGNREGA (all)

**Sub.: Convergence support under MGNREGS for effective  
implementation of Nigo Griho Nigo Bhumi Prakalpo.**

Madam/Sir,

Your are certainly aware of Nigo Griho Nigo Bhumi Prakalpo (NGNP) implemented by the Land & Land Reforms Department, Government of West Bengal. This unique initiative of the State Government seeks to provide Homestead land to the Rural Landless and Homeless Poor. As the Nodal Department, Land & Land Reforms Department identifies families residing in the Panchayats areas who do not have land and dwelling units and are eligible based on certain other criteria specified in the scheme and arranges distribution of land in a cluster. Once the land is distributed by the Committee formed for the purpose, the question of convergence with several other schemes of the State Government, especially those implemented by the Panchayats and Rural Development Department come to the fore in order to ensure the land is developed with all infrastructure facilities and dwelling houses are allotted to the beneficiaries under the scheme.

It is expected that under MGNREGS several schemes like land development, drainage facility, irrigation facilities where the land cluster distributed to the beneficiaries is such that some agricultural activity is also possible, raising of the area identified for construction of houses, micro irrigation facilities in rain-fade areas, inter-connectivity in the form of rural roads, development of common infrastructure for carrying out activities of Self-Help Group, if the land allottees are organized in SHGs etc.

I am forwarding a detailed list of sites where the beneficiaries have already received land under NGNB or are likely to receive land in near future. Further list including the details of the beneficiaries selected under NGNB will be available from the Land & Land Reforms set up in the district. I would suggest the following activities by the district MGNREGA Cell:

1. Obtaining detailed list from the DL&LRO in the district and BL & LRO in the Blocks.
2. Identifying details of the schemes which can be implemented at each site in consultation with the local Gram Sansad.
3. Preparing self of projects with plan and estimates for such identified activities.
4. Revising the Annual Action Plan under MGNREGS for the concerned Gram Panchayats.
5. Implementing identified schemes with participation of the beneficiaries under NGNB who should normally be holders of Job Cards. While implementing schemes under MGNREGS it should be seen that the beneficiaries work collectively for development of their own land and allied facilities in order to develop the spirit of ownership.

Since the district Land & Land Reforms Officer is responsible for in implementation of the overall the project it is an advisable that they be consulted at different process of development of the project. The Sub Divisional Officers as Chairperson of the LPLD or Programme Implementation Committee are actively associated with implementation of the project. Hence, they should also be apprised of development of the convergent initiative under MGNREGS. Since the Programme Officer under MGNREGS (Block Development Officer) plays key role in implementing NGNB they should co-ordinate the convergent initiative.

Kindly communicate these set of guidelines to the DL&LRD, the Sub-divisional Officers and the Block Development Officers in your district and take concerted steps in operationalizing the policy.

Yours faithfully,

  
(D. Sarkar) 13.7.12

Commissioner,  
MGNREGS, West Bengal

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Copy forwarded to the Land Reforms Commissioner and Principal Secretary, Land & Land Reforms Department, Government of West Bengal for favour of information. his has a reference to his letter dated addressed to the Principal Secretary, Panchayats & Rural Development Department.

  
Commissioner,  
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