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Dated: 2 July, 2013

From: Dibyendu Sarkar

Commissioner, MGNREGA

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Joint Secretary

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The District Magistrate and District Programme Coordinator (all Districts)

Principal Secretary, GTA and District Magistrate, Darjeeling Additional Executive Officer, Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad

Subject: Implementation of e-FMS under MGNREGA Ref.; 2538(19)-RD/NREGA/18M-02/07 dated 16 April, 2013

Madam / Sir,

Your personal attention is drawn towards a detailed guideline regarding the initial steps required at the district and field level for implementation of e-FMS as issued by the Principal Secretary in the letter under reference. Although, some specific issues to be addressed by the districts were identified in the said communication, we are yet to receive any feedback from the districts as to the status of activities towards initiating e-FMS in the field. The Principal Secretary explained the process of validation of all existing accounts of the Job seekers which should have been completed by now. There was a request to open accounts for all individual wage seekers, especially of active wage seekers. There is no report from the districts as to the status of such accounts opening. The Principal Secretary requested shifting of accounts from non-CBS financial institutions in to the financial institutions in the CBS platform. We need an update on this. There was a request to interact with the banks for engaging BCs and establishing local service points in their respective service area. A status report is required on this.

There was a specific request to the districts to obtain Digital Signature Certificates (DSCs) for all the BDOs and the Executive Assistants of all the GPs who would be entrusted with digitally signing the Fund Transfer Orders till the regular institution of the Pradhans of the Gram Panchayats as signing authority is re-established. It is expected that the digital signatures have already been obtained by the districts. However, kindly furnish a status report on this issue. However, if the process is not initiated by the district, kindly expedite the process.

The Ministry is asking the Department to organize training programmes for the signatories immediately. However, in view of the ensuing 8th Panchayat General Election in the State, we

have requested time till early August for initiating the training programme. Other activities however, specially procurement of DSCs should not be put on hold due to the elections.

Yours sincerely

(Dibyendu Sarkar

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1. Shri D. K. Jain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Rural Development, Government of India

2. Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Rural Development, Government of India, for favour of information.

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