

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Panchayat & Rural Development Department
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Kolkata - 700 001.

No. 2888(56) - RD / P AC(SGRY) / 17S -16 / 05

Dated - April 25, 2007

From : Dr. M.N.Roy
Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal

- To : 1) Sabhadhipati
..... ZP/SMP(All).
2) The District Magistrate
..... District (All).
3) The Principal Secretary ,
Darjeeling Gorkha Hills Council.
4) The Additional Executive Officer,
..... ZP/SMP(All).

Sub: Revision of wage rate under SGRY, NREGA and other rural employment programmes with effect from 1st May, 2007.

In pursuance of the recent revision made in the minimum wages by the Labour Department, Government of West Bengal, I am directed to state that the rates of wages of the labourers under the SGRY, NREGA and other rural employment schemes are revised with effect from 1st May, 2007 as detailed below:

- a) Wage rate of adult unskilled labour - Rs.70/-.
 - b) Wage rate of adult semi-skilled labour - Rs.105/- (one and half time the rate of unskilled labour).
 - c) Wage rate of adult skilled labour - Rs.140/- (twice the rate of unskilled labour).
2. The above revised rates of wage will be applicable for the ongoing schemes under SGRY, NREGA and other rural employment schemes with effect from 1st May, 2007.
4. This minimum wage rates will also be the wage rate under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005 until such time the wage rate is fixed by the Central Government.

This revised rates of wage shall be in force until further order.

All Panchayat Bodies and other Implementing Agencies concerned may be informed of the revised rate of wage immediately.

Yours faithfully,

M. Roy 25.4.07
Principal Secretary.

Addl. District Magistrate (33)
Confidential Section
Docket No. 1238
Date 30/4/07

BLA PAKISHAL
(General Section)
JALPAIGURI
36/1
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ADMS/AED,
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Nodal Office, NREGS
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Com. (A.P.O.)
14/5/07

The matter
has already
been given
to PO & all
concerned.
15/5/07

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To file in Sir,
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15/5/07

Procedure for issuance of Ration Cards based on the new household survey and the BPL :

1. Those household with score 33 or below will be eligible to get BPL Ration Cards (in tea garden area the cut off score will be 37 and in closed tea gardens all worker families will be treated as BPL as already decided).
2. The Ration Cards will be issued in two phases. In the first phase, those who have existing BPL Ration Cards with score 33 or below will be taken up. Their BPL Cards will be stamped appropriately and the EPIC No. in case of all adult members has to be quoted on the Ration Cards. The stamped Ration Cards with EPIC No. will be treated as new Cards. Those who do not have EPIC Cards will be taken up later.
3. Within the BPL families the poorest section will be given AAY Cards. Those households with score 27 or below will be eligible for AAY. In that category, those who are already having AAY Cards, and now also are eligible for AAY Cards will be given stamps and at the EPIC Nos. will be noted as above.
4. In the 2nd phase, those who do not have BPL / AAY Cards and are now eligible to get such cards will be taken up later. Similarly, those who will be eligible for BPL / AAY Cards but do not have Epic Cards will be taken up later after due verification for issuance of appropriate category of BPL / AAY Ration Cards.
5. The ceiling of five members for each household will be lifted and foodgrains will be provided depending on the actual number of members of the family.
6. The Ration Cards will be issued from Gram Panchayat offices by organising camps. Before issuance of the Cards, the names of the individual card holders has to be varified and kept ready for data entry (for that purpose, the first part of the survey schedule which provides the names of all individual members are to be consulted and in case, that is not available, the same is to be obtained from the field). Cards will be issued by officers of Food & Supplies Department who will attend the camps.
7. For providing clerical support related to issuance of new cards the Gram Panchayats will be given contingent fund @ 10 Paise per Card and the actual job of issuance of cards will be done by the Inspector / Sub Inspector of Food & Supplies Department. (In case the amount appears to be inadequate the District Magistrate may take up the matter with the Food & Supplies Department giving adequate reasons).

This entire process of the first phase of issuing Ration Cards by stamping the existing cards and whose categories do not change should be completed by the month of May and the actual number of Ration Cards issued and the balance to be issued will be taken up some time in early part of June.

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