



DISTRICT RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY: BALASORE

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To

All Block Development Officers of Balasore district.

Sub:

Utilizing the services of Mates under MGNREGS.

Ref:

Letter No-15534/PR & DW, Dt-20.8.18, No-940/PR & DW, Dt-11.01.19.

Madam/Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, it has been observed that our performance under MGNREGA has tremendous scope for further improvement. With the mandate to provide 100 days of work to all willing Household and ensure effective convergence for sustainable livelihood development, it is felt to relook the strategy of implementation. For this to happen we need to focus on active jobcard holders and provide them minimum average 65 days wage employment. The objective is to raise the average days of employment from 27 days to 65 days. For this it has been decided to mobilise all active Mates to expedite the process under MGNREGS. In the light of above context, Block Development Officers are to adhere the following directions scrupulously.

1. The BDO should distribute MGNREGS works proportionately to all revenue villages of GP to enable the job seekers to work for 100 days as per their entitlement.
2. Capacity building of Mates should be made from time to time to update them about the new guidelines/Circulars under MGNREGS.
3. BDOs are instructed to ensure execution of at least two MGNREGS works in each revenue village out of the shelf of projects approved in the Gram Sabha.
4. Each Mate should be provided minimum 10 days of work per month subject to 100 days in a financial year. If during any month, 10 days work could not be provided, effort should be made to adjust the short fall during next/ subsequent month(s) in that particular financial year.
5. The works under MGNREGS in the revenue village may be entrusted to the Mates turn by turn.
6. The Mates may be engaged in Line Department works taken up under MGNREGS.
7. They may be entrusted with works under MGNREGS executed by both Block (Panchayat Samiti) and GP.
8. A person working as "Mate" should not be a worker on the same worksite at the same point of time.

9. Mate will maintain Muster Roll for community based and individual beneficiary works. In respect of beneficiary oriented work, the Muster Roll may be maintained by the beneficiary himself/herself. But if the beneficiary is not able to maintain the Muster roll, then the Mate of the concerned village can be engaged for beneficiary oriented work within the revenue village to maintain Muster roll. In such cases, the Mate will get group remuneration for a group of beneficiary oriented works in the village & not for a single beneficiary oriented work.
10. BDOs are to ensure regular meeting with Mates at GP /PS level for expediting work under MGNREGS.
11. BDOs should ensure to fill up vacancy of mates in the villages as per the guidelines communicated.

The Mates engaged under MGNREGS will be paid the wages either equal to the wage of the semiskilled labourer per day as notified by Labour & ESI Department or wage for unskilled workers under MGNREGS notified by the MoRD, whichever is higher. The remuneration of the Mate should be based on actual person- days of work rendered by him/her and should be included in the cost estimate under material component of the scheme.

You are therefore requested to adhere to the above points and conduct a meeting of Mates of your Blocks within seven days positively and expedite the process of MGNREGS works in each village of this district to take this district to a new horizon.

Yours faithfully,


**Collector cum DPC,
MGNREGA, Balasore**