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**COMPREHENSIVE GUIDELINES FOR ENGAGEMENT OF MATES AS  
WORKSITE SUPERVISORS.**

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA) provides for enhancement of livelihood security in rural areas by providing guaranteed wage employment.

In order to accomplish the above objectives, pursuant to the provisions of MGNREGA Operational Guidelines of Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, the State Government decided to engage a literate Mate through a fair & transparent manner for supervision of works, recording attendance at worksite and creation of awareness about rights & entitlements under MGNREGS.

Taking into consideration the representations of Mates working under MGNREGS in the State, the Government in PR & DW Department have been pleased to frame the following comprehensive guidelines pursuant to the provision in Para- 4.1.2 of MGNREGA Operational Guidelines pertaining to engagement of Mates as Worksite Supervisors under MGNREGS in supersession of all previous orders.

**1. ELIGIBILITY:**

- i. **Domicile:** He/she must be a permanent resident of the revenue village concerned.
- ii. **Age:** The age of the candidate should be more than 18 years and not above 35 years as on the first day of the calendar year in which the selection will be made. There will be no relaxation in age limit for any category of candidates.
- iii. **Educational Qualification:** The minimum educational qualification of a candidate to be eligible for selection as Mate is Class 5<sup>th</sup> pass.
- iv. **Other Conditions:**
  - a. There should be two mates in every revenue village.

- b. Persons engaged as Gram Rakhi/ PRI representatives/ ASHA Workers/ Anganwadi Workers/ Helper/ SSS/ Watershed/ Pani Panchayat President/ Secretary etc & other similar assignments cannot be selected as Mate.
  - c. Both husband and wife cannot be selected as Mates in one revenue village. However, those husband & wife selected to work as Mates prior to restriction imposed vide this Department Letter No.18396, dated 28.04.2008, may be allowed to continue.
  - d. The nomenclature of "Gaon Sathi"/ "Gram Sanjoyaks" has been changed and re-named as "Mate" vide this Department Letter No. 24897 dated 05-10-2013 & No.20025 dated 24-10-17.
- Vacancy of Mates shall be filled up as per the above criteria.

## 2. SELECTION & ENGAGEMENT OF MATES:

### SELECTION PROCEDURE:

The Mates should be selected in a well-publicised transparent manner through Palli Sabha giving **clear 15-days' notice** for inviting application and 15 days' notice for convening Palli Sabha. The advertisement notice should be affixed in conspicuous places of the village, like Government offices, schools, AWCs etc. The proceedings of the Palli Sabha should be videographed. **Preference should be given to the most deserving families and priority should be given to women and differently abled as per Para- 4.1.2(ii) of Operational Guidelines, 2013.**

## 3. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. Mobilise job card holders, facilitate application for job cards and submit them to GP.
- b. Bring them to worksite for execution of works.
- c. Supervise work-sites and ensure worksite facilities.
- d. Capture daily attendance in muster roll.
- e. Give daily mark-outs to groups of labourers and record initial weekly measurements.



- f. Facilitate demand for work from individual workers or groups of labourers, submit them to GP and obtain dated receipt as acknowledgement.
- g. Facilitate participatory identification of works in the GP.
- h. Ensure there is no free-riding within his/her group of workers.
- i. Submit filled-in muster rolls duly certified on the attendance of workers to GRS. In the absence of GRS, they will submit the filled in muster rolls directly to GPTA/JE.
- j. Ensure that the first aid box with adequate material for emergency treatment for minor injuries and other health hazards connected with the work being executed are available at the work site.
- k. Help illiterate labourers in his/her group to learn to sign and to calculate wages earned.
- l. Create awareness about rights and entitlements under the MGNREGA.

#### 4. ASSIGNMENT:

- I. The works under MGNREGS in the village may be entrusted to the Mates turn by turn.
- II. The Mates may be engaged in Line Department works taken up under MGNREGS.
- III. They may be entrusted with works under MGNREGS executed by both Block (Panchayat Samiti) and GP.
- IV. Effort should be made to provide at least 100 days of work to each Mate in a financial year for their sustainable livelihood.
  - If the existing 1<sup>st</sup> Mate refuses to work assigned to him/her as Mate for the allotted work, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate will be engaged as Mate for the same work. In this case, the mate who has refused to work as Mate will be disengaged following due procedure like issuing show cause notice and its disposal.



- If the existing two Mates refuse to work assigned to them as Mate for the allotted work, then two fresh candidates may be selected as Mate for the concerned work through Palli Sabha following due procedure. In this case, both the Mates who have refused to work as Mate will be disengaged following due procedure like issuing show cause notice and its disposal.
- V. A person working as "Mate" should not be a worker on the same worksite at the same point of time.
- VI. They 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.

5. **REMUNERATION:**

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.

6. **ACCOUNTABILITY:**

- The Mate will be accountable to GPTA/JE in discharging their responsibilities.
- **Redressal of Grievances:** The Mates may approach the concerned BDO for redressal of any grievance relating to their job assignment.



7. **ENGAGEMENT OF MATES AS Bare Foot Technician (BFT):**

As per Para 4.1.2(IV) of MGNREGA Operational Guidelines 2013, Mates can function as certified Barefoot Engineers capable of taking initial measurements of works executed.

As per Para 16.1.3 of Annual Master Circular 2018-19, Active worker household/ Mate/Supervisor with minimum 10th Standard Pass Qualification and have worked in the last two years will be eligible for selection of Bare Foot Technician (BFT) which has been communicated to Collectors of concerned Districts vide this Department Letter No.18330 dated 23-09-2017.

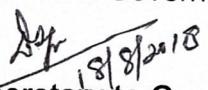
Eligible Mates as per this Department Letter No. 18330 dated 23-09-2017 may be encouraged to participate in the selection process of Bare Foot Technician for engagement as BFT.

8. **TRAINING:**

The Mates will be imparted training as per the technical need. The training will be imparted as per the Standard Training Module developed by SIRD & PR for capacity building of mates to discharge their functions as prescribed in the para 4.1.2 of MGNREGA Operational Guidelines 2013.

This Guidelines supersede all previous instructions & guidelines and is given effect to immediately.

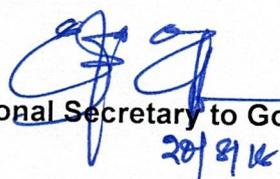
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