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No.SMS-1/2025-26-MGNREGA- - 10748-10879
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Rural Development Department

From

The Director-Cum-Commissioner (MGNREGA)
Rural Development Department
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9

To

1. All the Deputy Commissioners-Cum-District Programme Coordinators (MGNREGA) in HP.
2. All the Additional Deputy Commissioners-cum-Project Directors MGNREGA, HP.
3. The XEN, RDD HQ, Shimla, Kangra & Mandi in HP
4. All the District Development Officers in HP
5. All the Block Development Officers-Cum-Block Programme Officers (MGNREGA) in HP.

Dated Shimla-9 22nd July 2025
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Subject: -

Implementation of MGNREGS.

Sir/Madam,

I am refer to Ministry's letter no J-11017/2/2023-RE-VII (386093) dated 16th June 2025, vide which detailed guidelines for the implementation of Land Development works under MGNREGA has been issued.

Keeping in view the advisory of Government of India, the following instructions issued vide this department's letter no SMS-1/2018-19 RDD-3144-3247 dated 6.11.2018 and Para 4 of Letter No XEN-RD/PR/MGNREGA-5130-5223 dated 14.10.2020 and letter No SMS-1/2023-24 RDD-MGNREGA-6249-6373 dated 12.07.2023 are withdrawn with immediate effect. The works under Land Development are required to be executed and sanctioned as per provisions of Para 7.5.7 of Annual Master Circular.

Yours faithfully,

Director-cum-Commissioner (MGNREGA)
Rural Development Department
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9

ग्रामीण विकास विभाग
हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार

06-11-2018

प्रषक:

सचिव (शा० वि०),
हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार।

प्रेषित:

1. समस्त उपायुक्त एवं
जिला कार्यक्रम समन्वयक (मनरेगा)
हिमाचल प्रदेश।
2. समस्त उप निदेशक एवं
परियोजना अधिकारी,
जिला ग्रामीण विकास अभिकरण,
हिमाचल प्रदेश
3. समस्त खण्ड विकास अधिकारी एवं
खण्ड कार्यक्रम अधिकारी (मनरेगा)
हिमाचल प्रदेश।

दिनांक: शिमला-9, 06 नवम्बर, 2018

विषय:- महात्मा गांधी राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार गारंटी योजना का
कार्यान्वयन।

Diary No. 6495
Dated 18/11/18

मुहोदय/महोदया,
उपरोक्त विषय पर इस विभाग के पत्र संख्या: एस०एम०एस०-1/
2009-10-आर०डी०डी० दिनांक 14 अक्टूबर, 2009 जिसके द्वारा आपको
अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जन-जातियों या गरीबी रेखा से नीचे के
परिवारों या सीमांत किसानों या लघु किसानों या भूमि सुधार के लाभार्थियों या
इन्दिरा आवास योजना के लाभार्थियों की स्वयं की भूमि के लिए सिंचाई सुविधा,
बागवानी बागान और भूमि विकास के कार्य किये जाने हेतु दिशानिर्देश प्रेषित
किए गए थे। इन दिशानिर्देशों के पैरा 2 (II) में यह सूचित किया गया था कि
भूमि विकास के अन्तर्गत घरों के नजदीक हंगे इत्यादि का निर्माण स्वीकार्य कार्य
नहीं होगा।

महात्मा गांधी राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार गारंटी योजना, Master
Circular-2018-19 के अनुसार भूमि विकास एक स्वीकार्य कार्य है। अतः
विभागीय स्तर पर चर्चा उपरान्त यह निर्णय लिया गया है कि मनरेगा में भूमि
विकास के अन्तर्गत घरों के नजदीक हंगे का निर्माण स्वीकार्य कार्य होगा, जिसकी
अधिकतम लागत मु० 35,000/- रु० प्रति लाभार्थी होगी।

भवदीय,

निदेशक एवं विशेष सचिव (शा० वि०),
हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार।

14-10-2020

No.XEN-RD/PR/MGNREGA/ 5130-5223
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Rural Development Department

From:

The Director -Cum- Commissioner MGNREGA,
Rural Development Department,
Himachal Pradesh

To

1. All the Deputy Commissioners-cum-District Programme Coordinators, MGNREGA, In Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Deputy Directors -cum- Project Officers, DRDAs In Himachal Pradesh.
3. All the Block Development Officers-Cum-Programme Officers MGNREGA, In Himachal Pradesh.

Dated: Shimla-171009, the 3rd October, 2020

Subject: -

Implementation of MGNREGS. 17

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the department has decided to revise the instructions issued by the department for following works:-

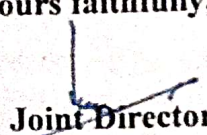
- 1) **Cattle Shed:-** As per Master circular 2020-21 ,New Cattle Shed is a permissible work. Therefore, a new Cattle Shed can be constructed with a cost of Rs. 1.00 lakh and size of the cattle shed is 7.00m x 4.00m and height 2.1m. If the beneficiary intends to reduce the size of Cattle Shed then the amount will also reduced in proportion to above mentioned dimension. The factor of Rs. 3571.42 Per/Sqm ,is to be used for sanctioning the amount. For example:- Total area in Sqm x 3571.42 = Amount to be sanctioned per beneficiary per cattle shed and strictly local material and is to be used after attaining certificates from Veterinary Doctor. One lakh will be the maximum ceiling. The 60:40 ratio of labour/ material component should be maintained.
- 2) **Water Harvesting Tank:-** Due to hike in labour as well material cost its limit is to be revised up to Rs. 1.50 lakh per unit and size of tank will be 3.6mx3.6mx2.4m = 31.10 Cum equals to 31000ltr aprox. The 60:40 ratio of labour/ material component should be maintained. If beneficiary intend to exceed the limit of 1.50 lakh, the over and above cost is to be borne by the beneficiary itself.

- 3) **Construction /Repair of Pucca Path:-** As per Master Circular 2020-21 Construction/repair of Kaccha/ Pucca Path is not a permissible work under category rural connectivity but as per instruction issued by Joint Secretary (RD) to the Govt. of H.P. vide his letter No. SMS-1/2011-12 RDD-Vol-I dated 31.03.2012 C/O Pucca Path can be taken up under MGNREGA as the last priority of work. In this regard it is submitted that there are ward/villages where road cannot be constructed, therefore, permission has been granted to construct/ repair of Pucca path at least one in each Ward /Village during the FY.
- 4) **Regarding Construction of Wall Near House under Land Development:-** As per letter No. SMS-1/2018-19-RDD-3144-3247 dated 06.11.2018 circulated by the Director-cum Special Secretary Rural Development to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, an amount of Rs.35,000 has been fixed for Construction of Wall near house under land development. But due to hike in labour as well material cost its limit has been revised up to Rs. 50,000/-. The 60:40 ratio of labour/ material component should be maintained.

The above instructions will not implement for on going works which are being executed.

You are, therefore, requested to adhere to the decisions above instructions.

Yours faithfully,


Joint Director
Rural Development Department
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9

12-07-2023.

No.SMS-1/2023-24-RDD-MGNREGA - 6249-6373
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Rural Development Department

From

The Director-Cum-Commissioner (MGNREGA)
Rural Development Department
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9

To

1. All the Deputy Commissioners-cum-District Programme Co-coordinators (MGNREGA) HP.
 2. All the ADC-Cum-Project Directors, DRDA in HP.
 3. All the Deputy Directors-cum-Project Officers, DRDA HP.
 4. All the Block Development Officers-cum-Block Programme Officers (MGNREGA) HP
- Dated Shimla-9 12th July 2023

Subject: -

Regarding repair the damaged infrastructure in rural areas.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware heavy rains in several parts of the state have caused considerable loss/damage to public and private property and rural infrastructure in the state. There is a need that the immediate steps are taken to restore/repair the damaged infrastructure in rural areas.

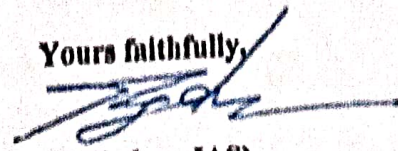
As per para 7.12.3 of MGNREGS Annual Master Circular 2022-23, the works created under MGNREGS are permissible for one time repair, maintenance, renovation or rehabilitation. The recurring maintenance of the assets is not permissible. The minimum duration of any assets to be taken up for repair, maintenance, renovation or rehabilitation should be five to ten years from the date of completion of the assets except for any case of natural calamity or accidental damage to the asset (the proof of cause for early maintenance should be attached with the case file). The list of permissible works, which can be taken up for repair, maintenance, renovation or rehabilitation is attached at annexure A.

Since the repair, maintenance, renovation or rehabilitation of damaged assets is to be taken up immediately, the shelf of such works may be approved by the concerned DC cum DPC immediately and ex-post facto approval of Gram Sabha, PS and ZP of such shelf of projects may be obtained.

Though MGNREGS guidelines do not permit the maintenance/repair of individual beneficiary works on private land, however, keeping in view the heavy loss to the individual beneficiary works, it has been decided that in case of loss/ damage to individual assets created on the private land of target group beneficiaries as defined in Para 5 of schedule 1 of MGNREG Act 2005. Such assets, if not, created under MGNREGS, earlier may be considered to be covered under the scheme.

It is again informed that the cost of various individual works shall be restricted as per the instructions issued vide this department's letter No. XEN-RD/PR/MGNREGA/5130-5223 dated 14.11.2020 (copy enclosed) except Land development for individual which shall be Rs.1.00 Lakh. Whereas for the procurement of material including cement for the work to be executed on the land of individual beneficiaries, the directions issued vide this department's letter No. SMS-1/2021-22-RDD-Implementation-MGNREGA-5684-5808 dated 25.05.2022 (copy enclosed) may be adhered to in letter and spirit.

Yours faithfully,



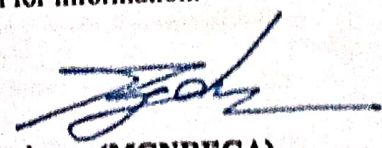
(Rugved Thakur, IAS)

Director-cum- Commissioner (MGNREGA),
Rural Development Department
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9

12th July, 2023

Ends. No. As above- 6374 Shimla-171009

Copy forwarded to the Under Secretary(RD) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh for information.



Director-cum- Commissioner (MGNREGA),
Rural Development Department
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9

Permissible works under MGNREGS for repair and maintenance

Annexure-A

Sr. No	Name of Work
1	Repair and Maintenance of Anganwadi Building for Community
2	Repair and Maintenance of Gram Panchayat/Panchayat Bhavan Building for Community
3	Repair and Maintenance of Food grain Storage Building for Community
4	Repair and Maintenance of Kitchen shed Building for Community
5	Repair and Maintenance of Bharat Nirman Seva Kendra Building for Community
6	Repair and Maintenance of Earthen graded Bund for Community
7	Repair and Maintenance of Pebble graded Bund for Community
8	Repair and Maintenance of Stone graded Bund for Community
9	Renovation of Feeder Canal for Community
10	Renovation of distributary Canal for Community
11	Renovation of minor Canal for Community
12	Renovation of sub -minor Canal for Community
13	Repair and Maintenance of Feeder Canal for Community
14	Repair and Maintenance of distributary Canal for Community
15	Repair and Maintenance of minor Canal for Community
16	Repair and Maintenance of sub - minor Canal for Community
17	Repair and Maintenance of water course Canal for Community
18	Renovation of Flood/ Diversion Channel for Community
19	Repair and Maintenance of Flood/ Diversion Channel for Community
20	Repair and maintenance of Earthen Gully Plugs for Community
21	Repair and maintenance of Stone boulder Gully Plugs for Community
22	Repair and maintenance of Mini Percolation Tank for Community
23	Repair and maintenance of Fisheries Ponds for Community
24	Repair and maintenance of Community Water Harvesting Ponds for Community

25	Repair and maintenance of Stabilization Pond for Community
26	Repair and maintenance of Bitumen Top Roads for Community
27	Repair and maintenance of Gravel Road Roads for Community
28	Repair and maintenance of Interlocking cement block/tiles Roads for Community
29	Repair and maintenance of WBM Roads for Community
30	Repair and maintenance of Mitti Murram Roads for Community
31	Repair and maintenance of Kharanja (brick/stone) Roads for Community
32	Repair and maintenance of Cement Concrete Roads for Community
33	Repair and maintenance of Cattle Shelter for Community
34	Repair and maintenance of Goat Shelter for Community
35	Repair and maintenance of Piggery Shelter for Community
36	Repair and maintenance of Poultry Shelter for Community
37	Repair and Maintenance of Wire crate (gabion) Spur for Community
38	Repair and Maintenance of Stone Spur for Community
39	Repair and Maintenance of Earthen Spur for Community
40	Repair and Maintenance of Infrastructure for Azola cultivation for Community
41	Repair and Maintenance of Infrastructure for Liquid Biomanure for Community
42	Repair and Maintenance of Village/Rural Haat for community
43	Repair and Maintenance of Cyclone shelter for Community
44	Repair and Maintenance of Play field for Community
45	Repair and Maintenance of Compound wall for government run schools for Community

13-07-2025

No.SMS-1/2025-26-MGNREGA- 10493-13683
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Rural Development Department

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Rural Development Department
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9

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4. All the District Development Officers in HP
5. All the Block Development Officers-Cum-Block Programme Officers (MGNREGA) in HP.

Dated Shimla-9 22 July 2025
Advisory on Implementation of Land Development works

Subject: -
Sir/Madam,

I am refer to Ministry's letter no J-11017/2/2023-RE-VII (386093) dated 16th June 2025, vide which detailed guidelines for the implementation of Land Development works under MGNREGA has been issued.

It has been observed that land development activities are at times cultivable land such as works on already cultivable land are not permissible under the grass removal, wire fencing, building construction, earth filling in institutions and installation of interlocking tile roads – have been undertaken as primary works under some land development, which are not permissible under the scheme. Districts are advised to strictly adhere to the guidelines and detailed advisories issued in this regard as follows.

As per Para 7.5.7 of the Annual Master Circular, "land development work aims to convert non-cultivable land into cultivable land through field bonding, levelling, shaping, terracing, etc. Activities such as removal of dry leaves, cutting of grasses, resizing of existing bunds, etc, should not be undertaken under land development, as they are not permissible under the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS".

The following actions are prescribed for land development works under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

- i. The already leveled land/field should not be taken up under land development for land levelling.

Annexure A

Undertaking for Land Development Work under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS (To be uploaded in NREGASoft before creation of Work Code)

Gram _____
Block: _____
District: _____
State/UT: _____

Panchayat

Name: _____

Details of Gram Sabha Resolution:

- Sl. No. in Resolution: _____
- Page No.: _____
- Date of Gram Sabha Resolution: _____

Details of the Proposed Land Development Work:

- Type of Beneficiary: ☐ Individual ☐ Community
- Name of Beneficiary and Job Card Number (if individual): _____
- Total land holding (if individual) (in acres): _____
- Khata/Khasra No.: _____
- Area of Land proposed for Land Development (in acres): _____

Certification:

This is to certify that the above-mentioned land development work, approved by the Gram Sabha and recorded in its resolution at the details stated above, has been physically verified by the Gram Panchayat. Based on the verification:

- The land is ☐ waste / ☐ barren / ☐ fallow (tick as applicable).
- No development work has been undertaken on this land by any other department.
- The land is suitable to be developed for cultivation purposes.

Accordingly, the land is recommended for development under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).

(Panchayat Secretary)

Road base preparation or other permissible works requiring land leveling should not be carried out under the land development work type. Such activities and works, if permissible, should be taken up under the correct work type.

- iii. The land proposed for 'land development' should be uncultivable, fallow, or wasteland. An undertaking to this effect must be uploaded by the concerned Panchayat Secretary in NregaSoft prior to the initiation of the work, i.e., before the creation of the Work Code. A template is enclosed at Annexure-A.

Necessary provision has already been made in the NregaSoft/ MIS to upload the same prior to the creation of land development work.

In case of individual beneficiary works, the above undertaking should clearly specify the following details:

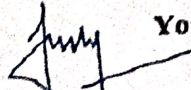
- The type of individual beneficiary (as defined under Para 5 of schedule I of the Act).
- The total area of landholding of the beneficiary.
- The area proposed to be taken up for land development, and
- The type of land, i.e., whether it is non-cultivable, fallow, or wasteland'

These details must be included to ensure eligibility and alignment with the provisions of the Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act.

The implementing agency should conduct a transect walk to verify the status of the land at the field level. The area proposed for land development should be geo-mapped and geo-fenced before the commencement of work. Necessary provisions in this regard are being made in GeoMGNREGA.

As per the Ministry's directive vide letter no.J-L1017/39/2017-RE-VII (E-378816), not more than 20 ongoing works (excluding plantation-related maintenance works and ongoing PMAY-G/ State housing scheme works) shall be allowed in any Gram Panchayat at a time. While exemptions may be granted in exceptional cases through the DPC login, no such exemption shall be permitted for taking up additional new Land Development (LD) works. It is imperative that existing works are completed before initiating new ones.

You are therefore requested to adhere to the guidelines for the execution of Land Development works in letter and spirit.

 Yours faithfully,
Director-cum-Commissioner (MGNREGA)
Rural Development Department
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9