

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**Panchayats & Rural Development Department**  
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To: The District Magistrate, District Programme Coordinator (All)  
Principal Secretary (GTA)  
Additional Executive Officer (SMP)

Sub: Permission for plantation by the side of PMGSY roads

Madam/Sir,

While taking up roadside plantation against the roads built through PMGSY and also providing Briksha Patta to the individuals/ user groups/self-help groups is one of the priorities for plantation activities under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. Some of the districts have raised the issue of obtaining permission from the PMGSY authority for providing Briksha Patta to identified beneficiaries. It has been indicated that the district PMGSY authority in some of the districts have not extended any permission on the ground that the land often belongs to the villagers and the roads have been built on the basis of their voluntary contribution in terms of land. Naturally it is the villagers who are authorised to provide such 'No Objection' for Briksha Patta.

It is clarified that roadside plantation is an initiative for strengthening the roads built under PMGSY and the land already taken possession of by the PMGSY authority will be utilised for such plantation. Accordingly, as the nodal department for construction of roads under PMGSY, we would like to clarify that no further permission from any agency whatsoever is required for plantation of trees by the side of PMGSY roads as well as for providing usufruct rights to identified beneficiaries for using the benefits out of the trees thus planted. This clarification may be construed as en-block permission by the department for all plantation activities and conferring Briksha Patta to identified beneficiaries for all PMGSY roads of the State.

Yours faithfully,

  
17.07.2015  
(Dibyendu Sarkar)

Commissioner, P&RD Department