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Govt. of West Bengal

To: The Principal Secretary, GTA
The District Magistrate and District Programme Coordinator (all),
The Additional Executive Officer, Siliguri MP

Sub: Excavation / re-excavation of pond etc.

Madam/Sir,

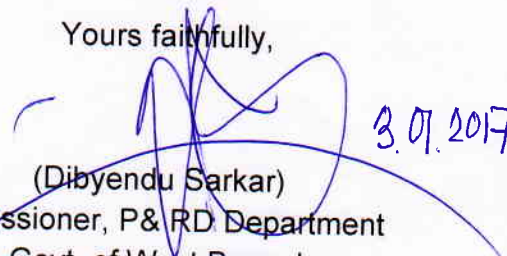
Kindly note that under individual category, 'excavation of firm pond' is an approved activity. The activity also features in the fisheries sector as 'excavation of pond'. In water conservation and water harvesting sector you will find a provision of excavation of farm pond. Now, there are subtle variations in these activities. Firm pond on individual land can be excavated on land belonging to the households included in paragraph 5 of the Schedule 1 annexed to the Mahatma Gandhi NREG-Act 2005, as amended. The categories include all SC families, all ST families, Nomadic Tribes (if any) Denotified Tribes (if any), other BPL families, women-headed households, households headed by differently-able people, beneficiaries of land reforms, beneficiaries under the IAY/PMAY(G), beneficiaries under the Forest Protection Act. **Once eligible beneficiaries under the other categories are exhausted, individual IBS work can also be taken up on land of small and marginal farmers subject to the condition that such households shall have a job card with at least one member willing to work on the project undertaken on their land or homestead.**

Firm pond under the water conservation and water harvesting category and also under pisciculture category can only be taken up on land belonging to the Government/Panchayats.

In none of these categories re-excavation of existing pond is allowed. However, in another set of activities under water harvesting category, renovation of traditional water bodies by way of desilting, renovation and strengthening of embankments is permissible. However, **any renovation/ re-excavation work has to be undertaken only on land belonging to the Government (departmental as well as vested) and the Panchayats.**

This may strictly be followed while taking up works in the current financial year as well as planning for works for 2017-18.

Yours faithfully,


(Dibyendu Sarkar)
Commissioner, P&RD Department
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