

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
PANCHAYATS & RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING  
BLOCK HC, PLOT 7, SECTOR – III,  
SALT LAKE CITY, KOLKATA – 700 106

Memo. No. 7389(24)-RD/P/NREGA/18M-02/07

Date: 16.08.2018

To,

Principal Secretary, GTA  
District Magistrate & District Programme Coordinator (All)  
Additional Executive Officer (SMP)

Sub: Implementation of MGNREGA for building productive assets

Ref: this office number 5773 dated 18.06.2018 and 6538 dated  
13.07.2018

Madam/Sir,

Kindly find the list of 260 activities which have been included by the MGNREGA authority as permissible works. However, as decided by the state, certain works included in the list have not been cleared. If you look at the list closely, you will find that the activities which have been agreed to are those resulting in generation of productive assets. No repetitive activity, no work of seasonal nature and any activity not leading to some asset generation in agriculture and allied sector, animal resource development, afforestation, social infrastructure, economic infrastructure can be implemented through MGNREGA. Of late, in our endeavour to assess the shelf of schemes in several districts, it has come to our notice that for the sake of person day generation and incurring expenditure, several works are being undertaken which do not lead to creation of any tangible asset. Please be reminded that any activity not leading to asset creation is strictly prohibited under MGNREGA. If it is land development, it has to be for the purpose of productivity enhancement. If any land development activity is required for any social infrastructure, this should be specifically part of the larger scheme of infrastructure development as permissible and not as a separate land development work. Like-wise construction of kachcha road, re-excavation of pond on private land, petty repair and maintenance work, construction off kachcha drain are not permissible under MGNREGA. If any road is to be constructed, it has to be pakka road, if any field channel is required, it has to be made of cement concrete. If any work is to be undertaken in the pond sector, it has to be new excavation for private land and a combination of new excavation and re-excavation for pond on public land. In the plantation sector too, a recent trend is developed in some of the district to notionally provide brikshapatta without appropriate awareness and training only for the sake of paying maintenance wages. Obviously this is not contributing towards survival of plants.

Different works are possible during different seasons. For this a seasonality matrix has been developed after wide consultation with the districts. There again the trend is to keep all works open throughout the year, irrespective of the seasonality. This has to be avoided and in case an exception is required, approval from the state is to be taken. In the IBS sector, it is often found that some of the districts are preferring miniscule works which might be difficult to find in future. In order to ensure that the IBS works result in generation of sustainable assets and

