

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**Panchayats & Rural Development Department**  
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**Kolkata-700 106**

**No. 2373-P&RD/P/18S-01/06 (Pt)**

**Date: 02/05/2017**

To,

The Principal Secretary, GTA  
The District Magistrate and District Programme Coordinator (all),  
The Additional Executive Officer, Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad

Sub: Improving Rural connectivity through MGNREGA

Madam/Sir,

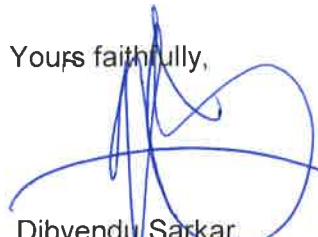
I would like to enclose letter number J11017/27/2016-RE-VII (FTS-353063) dated 6/03/2017 of the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India containing instructions regarding taking up of cement concrete (CC) roads and Gravel/WBM roads. It has been specifically mentioned in the said letter that repetitive road construction activities will not be taken up for atleast 5 years in case of Gravel/WBM roads and for 10 years in case of CC roads under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA on the same stretch on which road construction had been done earlier. A certificate to this effect will have to be obtained from the concerned technical personnel and kept as part of the work file. It is needless to mention here that no kuchcha or similar type of road construction is allowed under MGNREGA.

I am also enclosing a more detailed set of guidelines issued by the Ministry for providing single all weather road connectivity to non PMGSY habitations in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. The said guidelines were issued by the Ministry on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016. This has to be adhered to in planning rural connectivity and providing access to all weather roads to non PMGSY habitations. While doing so necessary support from the PMGSY cell in the district may please be obtained.

It has also been decided by the State Government that this Department would organise district wise Rural Road Saptah all over the State by converging different activities of this Department. This requires convergent activities by the authorities implementing PMGSY, RIDF, ISGPP and Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. Resources of the Finance Commission Grants received by the Panchayats may also be dovetailed for construction of such all-weather roads.

The state government is in the process of designing the approach for observance of the Rural Road Saptah by converging resources of all the programmes. To support the initiative the district NREGA cell may please prepare a comprehensive plan of initiating construction of all-weather roads sometime in the month of June 2017. A detailed report as to GP wise and block wise road lengths to be covered in 2017-18 and necessary funding requirement may please be immediately shared with the Department. While doing so the detailed guideline of the Ministry may please be followed.

Yours faithfully,

  
02/05/2017

Dibyendu Sarkar,  
Commissioner, P&RD Department