

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PANCHAYATS & RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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From: Dibyendu Sarkar, IAS
Commissioner, MGNREGA

To : The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
Department of Forest, Aranya Bhaban, Salt Lake

Sub: Intervention of DFOs in spring and river rejuvenation project

Sir,

It is to bring to your knowledge that all the dying and dead springs of Darjeeling GTA area, Alipurduar and Jalpaiguri are to be brought under Springshed Development Project under MGNREGA in convergence with other potential departments for effecting revival. In this Financial Year, work has started in 55 Springshed in these districts and DPR preparation for the rest springshed will be started soon. As in most of the cases, substantial part of the recharge zone is in Forest area, the Divisional Forest offices may please be intimated to extend necessary help in preparing the DPR including required intervention in forest area and also take up the recharge activities out of MGNREGA fund or to allow PRIs/POs to take up forest activities, mainly soil-water conservation work under the guidance of the officials posted thereon. It is to be noted that these revival work will also help in ensuring water security for the flora and fauna in forest as well.

Secondly, the Senchal (South and North) and Sindhap lakes which are the main source of water supply are suffering from depleting water storage due to drying springs. The lake revival project may please be taken up by the department rejuvenating the springs and GTA in association with partner experts will help to prepare DPR and provide necessary fund out of MGNREGA for required recharge structures in the forest area above the lakes. Concerned Forest Division may please be communicated accordingly.

Apart from the initiative in the hill, drying rivers are also being rejuvenated in other districts including Jangalmahal districts, taking up works in watershed mode and again most of the recharge zone of the rivers have substantial share in notified forest area.

The Divisional Forest Offices may please be communicated to extend necessary help to the team preparing DPR and take part in the implementation as well as suggested in springshed development.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

Dibyendu Sarkar, Commissioner, MGNREGA

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to

- 1) The Principal Secretary, GTA
- 2-21) The District Magistrate, All
- 22) The AEO, Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad

Dibyendu Sarkar, Commissioner, MGNREGA