

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Panchayats & Rural Development Department
Joint Administrative Building
Block HC-7, Sector -III, Salt Lake
Kolkata-700 106

Memo. No. 3449(23) RD/O/NREGA/18S-03/09

Date: 05/07/2017

To,
The Administrator, GTA
The District Magistrate and District Programme Coordinator (ALL)
The AEO (Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad)

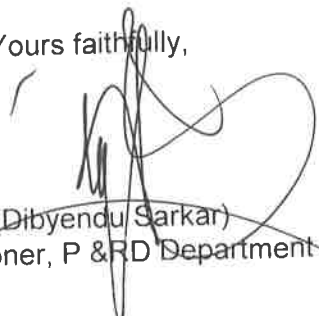
Subject: Issue of fake job cards

Madam/Sir,

I would like to enclose copy of a letter received from the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. The Ministry has expressed its concern over reported presence of fake job cards in the field and payment of wages through such fake job cards to ghost beneficiaries. The instructions of the Ministry do not identify any specific State/UT where such prevalence of fake job cards have been noticed. However, the process of verification of job cards was initiated by the Ministry sometime back to identify fake job cards, if any and ghost job seekers. The verification process should have been completed by this time. The labour budget meeting held in the Ministry in the month of February, 2017 took commitment from the States that the verification process will be completed by 30th June, 2017. Unfortunately despite repeated persuasion we could not complete verification of job cards in the State within the time schedule. As of today in West Bengal we have been able to verify 86.95% of active job cards, while in relation to total job cards our achievement is substantially low at 76.67%. District wise figures are also indicated in the annexed sheet. We have also issued specific directions to the districts for cancellation of job cards in case the job seeker as mentioned in the job card is not available due to outmigration, death, or any other reason. In several meetings where the issue of job card verification was discussed the representatives from the districts indicated that they have reached a level of saturation in relation to such verification and the remaining job seekers are usually not available. To address the issue it has been clearly indicated in the guidelines issued by the Department that, after a final round of job card verification camp with appropriate publicity, the list of unverified job cards should be published in the GP notice board and other places of public congregation. In the same notice time should be given to the unverified job card holders to report for verification. Once that process is complete another list of unverified job cards should be prepared, placed in the Gram Sansad meeting and with approval of Gram Sansad, process should be initiated for deletion of such job cards from the system.

Despite such specific directions from the Department we have not heard of any development on this count. Under the circumstances you are again requested to complete the entire process by the end of July 2017 and send a comprehensive report.

Yours faithfully,


(Dibyendu Sarkar)
Commissioner, P & RD Department

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Government of India

Ministry of Rural Development

Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi

Dated: 8th June 2017

The Principal Secretaries/Commissioner (MGNREGA)
Department OF Rural Development/Panchayati Raj,
All States/UTs.

Subject: Issue of Fake Job Cards-regarding

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to inform that cases of fake job cards have come to the notice of this Ministry and it has been decided to request the States/UTs to take necessary steps to prevent the issuance of fake job cards and payment of wages through fake job cards to ghost beneficiaries.

3. It is therefore requested to look into the issue and take necessary steps to prevent the issuance of fake job cards under intimation to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Gaya Prasad)

Director (MGNREGA)

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