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To: The Administrator, GTA
The District Magistrate & District Programme Coordinator (all),
The Additional Executive Officer, Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad

Sub: Mapping of Manual Casual Labourers (MCL) and issuing job cards to the willing MCL

Madam/Sir,

You are aware of the fact that for the last few months an initiative has been taken up to map all Manual Casual Labourers (MCL) as in the data base of the Socio-Economic Cast Census (SECC) in the MGNREGA data base. The exercise includes identification of all such MCL through extensive field survey; ascertaining job cards status of such MCL households; if the households already have functional job cards, verification of such job cards in the MGNREGA data base; if such households have job cards, verifying such job cards and making necessary entry in the job card verification module and ascertaining willingness of such households to have a job card, if do not have any. If the households do not show willingness to own a job card, necessary entry in the database as not willing to have job cards has to be made. If the household indicates its willingness to have a job card, immediate steps to issue such job cards to the household have to be taken. In this particular case willingness of the households in course of the survey should be construed as applications for job cards and after observing necessary formalities the Pradhan of the Gram Panchayat should take measures to issue job cards to such households within 15 days, as mandated in the Act in respect of formal application seeking job cards.

I would like to enclose a statement indicating district-wise status of Manual Casual Labourers as in SECC, MCL surveyed as of date; MCL surveyed not having job cards and not willing to own any, as of date; MCL surveyed having no job card and willing to have and finally number of job cards issued to such willing MCL. It is amply clear that in almost all the districts, we are far behind in achieving targets for completion of the exercise. The Ministry indicated 30th June 2017 as the last date by which the entire exercise had to be completed. However, in the Labour Budget meeting in Delhi we requested extension of time till 30th September 2017. Even if that timeline is accepted, it is apprehended that the rate of progress is so slow that we might miss the deadline requested of ourselves.

Please issue necessary instructions to the field functionaries for completion of the exercise at the earliest. Kindly note that this is one of the priority administrative measures taken by the Ministry, which might have considerable impact on release of fund to the State. There is no denying the fact that even though the State has 1.2 crore job cards against 1.57 crore households there are genuinely needy households which do not have job cards are yet. Manual Casual Labourers having been one of the most vulnerable groups identified through SECC, it does not need any persuasion to provide them with job cards, if they are willing to have the same. If not, it speaks of exclusion of needy households in relation to providing employment opportunities under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA.

Yours faithfully,


(Dibyendu Sarkar)

Commissioner, P&RD Department

6.07.2017

Encl: updated district wise report on MCL

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment
Guarantee Act

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M15. SECC Mapping Status for Landless Casual Labour

State : WEST BENGAL

S No.	District	Total Landless Casual Labour as per SECC	HH mapped during IPPE2	Total HH mapped till date	Willing for Jobcard	Not willing for Jobcard	Total HH Surveyed	No. of Households got Jobcard (Out of col6.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8=5+6+7	9
1	Bankura	294716	38896	72435	1831	2568	76834	3
2	Barddhaman	626720	7790	7791	0	1	7792	0
3	Birbhum	431814	41174	95923	1476	7706	105105	0
4	DakshinDinajpur	139638	3223	26565	1683	2732	30980	0
5	Darjiling	97716	10130	11589	176	426	12191	0
6	Haora	301649	1021	34954	42623	86169	163746	4
7	Hugli	378530	9907	101422	8517	29145	139084	28
8	Jalpaiguri	369586	38207	51893	1883	2007	55783	0
9	KochBihar	269421	2475	105821	9622	11722	127165	1
10	Maldah	419281	8090	8090	0	0	8090	0
11	Murshidabad	816773	29788	29833	0	0	29833	0
12	Nadia	532573	16842	34038	2309	2825	39172	0
13	NorthTwentyFourParganas	591288	4966	60922	15384	16000	92306	1
14	PaschimMedinipur	368098	17082	18223	0	387	18610	0
15	PurbaMedinipur	379187	13425	66471	6802	5902	79175	0
16	Puruliya	157422	16131	16134	0	0	16134	0
17	SouthTwentyFourParganas	694380	10326	10342	0	2	10344	0
18	UttarDinajpur	239884	6753	25963	4696	4635	35294	0
	Total	7108676	276226	778409	97002	172227	1047638	37

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