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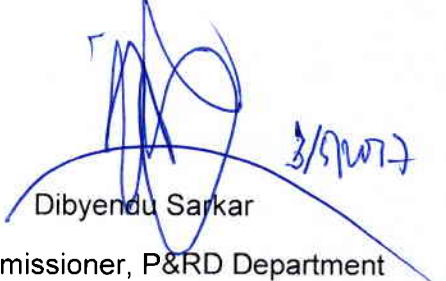
Sub: Proposed changes in Electronic Fund Management System (e-FMS)

Madam,

We would like to express our gratitude for introducing National Electronic Fund Management System (Ne-FMS) for payment of wages to the job seekers under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. This has in addition to a lot of other benefits removed one major bottleneck in payment of wages. Previously the second signatories at the level of the PIA had to wait till fund was available in the State e-FMS account. This particular problem used to make it difficult for the wage seekers in intermittent internet connectivity areas get access to timely payment of wages and relatively forward and well connected districts had greater opportunities to access payments. The queuing system in Ne-FMS has been able to successfully put a stop to this phenomenon.

In the e-FMS regime, which governs material and administrative payments, we still do not have the facility of queuing system, as a result of which discrimination between the areas having better access and the relatively poorer connected areas still remain. It is understood that it is well within the capability of team NIC in the Ministry to tweak the software to introduce the system of queuing for e-FMS transactions as well. In order to help the State Governments manage the programme better, you may kindly consider requesting your NIC team to incorporate the queuing system for e-FMS transactions as well.

Yours faithfully,


Dibyendu Sarkar
Commissioner, P&RD Department

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