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Commissioner in the Department

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

Sub.: Convergence with Nijo Griha Nijo Bhumi (NGNB)
Ref.: Several instructions on NGNB Convergence issued by the Department

Madam/ Sir,

Kindly refer our previous instructions on NGNB convergence with MGNREGA. While Convergence with most of the line Departments looks for shared participation in terms of manpower and financial resources, convergence with NGNB is more on a philosophical plane. You will certainly appreciate the fact that the households getting land under NGNB fall in the poorest brackets in the villages and these households should be one of the primary target groups while designing interventions for the vulnerable households, especially in the IBS sector. As for example where IPPE is being carried out, the list of vulnerable households must feature all the NGNB households and when the Block Planning Teams (BPT) go house-to-house to identify probable interventions for the vulnerable households, their problems and aspirations could be recorded. Once the house-to-house visit is complete, when the BPT identifies the activities, activities on the homestead lands and the houses of these families should positively be recorded. Preparation of labour budget must take into account the works identified for the NGNB beneficiary households. Even in the non-IPPE Blocks the same principle of giving priority to the NGNB households should be followed.

Following may be the stage-wise activities for providing support to the NGNB beneficiaries under MGNREGA:

1. Taking the list of the NGNB beneficiaries and the details of their land from the appropriate authority (BL&LRO at the block level, Sub-divisional Officer at the Sub-division level, the DL&LRO at the district level)
2. In IPPE blocks, taking the list of such NGNB beneficiaries as vulnerable households and cover each and every individual household during house-to-house visit
3. During home visit, identify eligible members from the households for assigning work under MGNREGA and also ascertaining demands for work from the members
4. Identify, in consultation with the households the activities that can contribute towards livelihood generation of such NGNB households. Since improving livelihood opportunities for the rural poor within the broad framework of MGNREGA is the priority of the State Government and the NGNB beneficiaries are one of the most suitable target-groups for such intervention, we would encourage innovative planning to cover all such families with one IBS activity or the other

5. For construction of IHHL under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan too these households should be saturated on priority
6. Some of the IBS activities for the NGNB families may be
 - a. MGNREGA support towards construction of houses under IAY/ Amar Thikana/ Gitanjali or any other ural housing scheme
 - b. Backyard orchard
 - c. Poultry shed under MGNREGA with chicks from ARD
 - d. Goat shelter (goats are to be obtained from the ARD Department)
 - e. Fodder trough and urine tank for Cow Shed (cow to be obtained from the ARD Department)
 - f. Piggery (pigs are to be obtained from the ARD Department)
 - g. Land development
 - h. Compost pit including vermin composting unit
 - i. Azole cultivation
 - j. Farm pond
 - k. Fish pond
7. Certain community activities like
 - a. land development
 - b. construction of internal road/ link road
 - c. excavation/ re-excavation of community water bodies
 - d. social forestry/ farm forestry
 - e. Work-shed for the SHG etc. may also be planned for the larger chunk of land where the houses are provided in clusters
8. In non-IPPE blocks, taking the list and after discussion with the households identify appropriate activities for such households, as enumerated above, both at the household level (IBS) and at the community level.

Such concerted activities for the NGNB beneficiaries require intensive monitoring and facilitation. You are certainly aware that LANDESA, a civil society organisation is working in close collaboration with the Land & Land Reforms Department of the State Government as well as the district administration to provide support to the hapless households. You may seek their support in preparing a sub-plan under MGNREGA exclusively for the NGNB beneficiaries which may, after following all specified norms of MGNREGA, be taken as part of the over-all MGNREGA plan for the concerned areas.

Yours faithfully

(Dibyendu Sarkar)

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Copy forwarded for favor of information to

- 1) The Land Reforms Commissioner & the Additional Chief Secretary, Land & Land Reforms Department .
- 2) West Bengal State Director, LANDESA, Rural Development Institute with a request to support the districts in preparing NGNB sub-plan under MGNREGA

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