

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (DD) DEPARTMENT

No.22190/DD2/12/LSGD

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 05.06.2012.

CIRCULAR

Sub:- LSGD-Payment of wages through post offices in respect of MGNREGS- Depositing money in advance - Circular issued.

- Ref:- 1. Circular No.16129/NREG Cell/09/CRD dated 07.08.2009 from Mission Director, MGNREGS.
 - Letter No.K-11015/1/2010/MGNREGA-1 dated August 2011 from Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development.
 - Letter No.8214/EGS 02/08/CRD dated 31.03.2012 from Mission Director, MGNREGS.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act stipulates every worker to have a no frill account in a bank or post office of their choice. Now there are 12,29,178 member of active accounts in Kerala for workers out of which 1,43,486 (12%) are in post offices. In Kerala, Funds are received at the district level by the District Programme Co-ordinator and he will distribute fund among the Block Programme Officers and from Block Programme Officers, the fund will reach the Grama Panchayat as per their requirement. In the case of post offices, the Grama Panchayat will give cheque to the post office who in turn will present it to the bank where the Panchayat is having account and the money will reach the post office account. This process takes very long time and causes delay in payment.

As per the letter read as 2nd paper above Government of India had requested districts to deposit money with the Head Post Offices at the District level to the time of two months requirement for enabling the post offices to avoid delay in payment. Commissioner for Rural Development had also instructed the districts to start depositing money with the Head Post Offices for the next two months in advance for smooth flow of funds to the beneficiaries.

In these circumstances, Government instructs that the District Programme Co-ordinators shall start depositing money with the Head Post Offices for the next two months in advance for enabling the post offices to avoid delay in payment for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act beneficiaries and the State, district and block level Committees shall monitor the activities.

By Order of the Governor,

JAMES VARGHESE, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.

To

- 1. The Commissioner for Rural Development, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 2. The Mission Director, MGNREGS, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 3. Chief Post Master General, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 4. All District Collectors/District Programme Co-ordinators.
- 5. Director, Information Kerala Mission (for publishing in the official website)
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