



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

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Local Self Government(DD)Department,
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CIRCULAR

Sub:- LSGD - MGNREGS – Taking up of irrigation related works-
clarifications issued - reg.

Ref: Letter No.1926/EGS C/14/REGS dated 31-10-2017 from
Mission Director, MGNREGS

The Schedule I of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA allows to take up creation and maintenance of irrigation canals including micro and minor irrigation works under MGNREGS. As per the Master Circular issued by Government of India for the year 2017-18, renovation and maintenance of irrigation canals and drains are included in the priority area as these activities are directly linked to agriculture development but the master circular further stipulates that the work permissible under MGNREGS will entail one-time rehabilitation of minor,sub-minor and field channels and regular operation and maintenance will not be a permissible activity under MGNREGS.

As some confusion is prevailing among the field level officials on the provisions of the master circular regarding permissible works that can be taken up for maintenance of irrigation canals, the following clarifications are being issued due to the demands from various quarters.

1. Irrigation related works shall be taken up under MGNREGS on a priority basis
2. Such works may be taken up as an end to end solution for the entire canal system ensuring flow of water up to the tail end.
3. Works such as de silting, repair of minor cracks, land levelling, repair of earthen embankments, bank raising, and resurfacing canal base with clay, lining of canals, field drains and farm net can be taken up under MGNREGS.
4. All works required to make the irrigation system fully functional shall be included in the plan for which detailed survey should be conducted

consisting of the survey sheets showing the existing L-Selection and the designed L-Section.

5. The Irrigation department shall prepare detailed action plan for de silting/ rehabilitation/maintenance of canals and send to the concerned Grama Panchayath. The Grama Panchayath, after verification, will include the same in the Action Plan of MGNREGS.
6. Only cases where maintenance requirement is established, but could not be addressed as part of the regular maintenance work shall be considered for approval under MGNREGS
7. In addition the implementing agency shall ensure:-
 - (a). Coir geo-textiles may be used wherever strengthening of embankment is necessary
 - (b). Tree plantation may be done in both sides of the canals by finding out suitable varieties of fruit plants, following the provision in the Act (Sech.I) that usufructs will be given to the Para V beneficiaries.

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3. The Director, Panchayath, Thiruvananthapuram.
4. The Mission Director, MGNREGS, Thiruvananthapuram.
5. Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department
6. All District Collectors
7. The Principal Accountant General(Audit), Thiruvananthapuram.
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