



The Commissioner / Secretary to Government,
Department of Rural Development and PR,
J&K Civil Secretariat Srinagar.

No: DRDK/MIS/001/10512-42

Dated: 7/07/2017

Subject: Revision of district scheduled rates MGNREGA.

Madam,

The Government vide order No :- 157-RD & PR of 2013 dated :- 11.06.2013 issued state specific guidelines for implementation of MGNREGA in J&K State (Copy enclosed). Vide Para X of the guidelines, it has been laid as:-

Schedule of rates.

“Schedule of Rates (SOR) applicable to the Department is PWD schedule which is unrealistic on account of certain items and creates difficulties in the execution of the programme and leads to distortion of wage material ratio. It has been observed that the rates of the key material like rubble stone, sand and stone aggregates etc. are not commensurate with the actual market rates. The DDCs have already been empowered to fix the rates of key material locally. The Department shall follow these rates till new schedule of the rates is issued by the Public Works Department and adopted by the Rural Development & P.R”.

In course of implementation of the works carried under the scheme, it was found that the rates were invariably low for the beneficiaries who were opting for employment under ‘NREGA’ Scheme. More often, it was found that to achieve the Minimum Wages prescribed for ‘NREGA’ works, the quantum of work task to be performed for existing Schedule of Rates was high. As a result, the workers did not avail Minimum Wages. Consequently, authorities conducted ‘Work-Time-Motion’ studies to fix ‘Schedule of Rates’ for NREGA works, keeping in view the ability of the workers to perform the quantum of work to receive minimum wages notified by the competent authority of different State/UTs.

In order to fix Task Rates/ Schedule of Rates for material like Brick, Sand, Bajri, stones & Sand aggregate etc. every district has District Level Schedule of Rates

Committees headed by District Development Commissioner who need to address this important issue.

In this connection, it is requested to kindly instruct all the Deputy Commissioners to convene meeting of district scheduled rate committees for approval of new rates caused due to rate escalation. This letter is being endorsed to them also with its enclosures so that spade work in this regard is started at the District level.

Yours faithfully,



Director

Rural Development Department
Kashmir

Copy to the:

1. Deputy Commissioner (All) _____ for information and necessary action.
2. Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD) _____ for information. He is directed to pursue the matter with the District Development Commissioner urgently.
3. Executive Engineer (REW) ____ (All) for information.