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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
(NREGA Division)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated 3rd December, 2009.

To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary
Department of Rural Development
All States/UTs

Subject: Wage Rate Revision under section 6(1) of NREGA

Sir/Madam,

1. Your attention is drawn to Section 6(1) of NREGA:

"Notwithstanding anything contained in the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Central Government may, by notification, specify the wage rate for the purposes of this Act:

Provided that different rates of wages may be specified for different areas:

Provided further that the wage rate specified from time to time under any such notification shall not be at a rate less than sixty rupees per day."

2. The Central Government in exercise of power vested in it under Section 6(1) has decided upon the following policy for wage rate revision for the purposes of NREGA.

- i) Proposals received from State Government for wage revision under Section 6 (1) of NREGA may be considered and acceded to by the Central Government and notified subject to the ceiling of Rs.100/- per day. Anything higher than this would be paid by the State Governments from their own budgets.
- ii) States with Wage Rates above Rs.100/- per day, as notified by the Central Government on 1st January, 2009, will be retained at that level.
- iii) The new wage rates will be effective from 1st April, 2009 or from the date of actual disbursement whichever is later.

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- iv) States are advised that in future the new wage rates will be made effective only from the date of notification by the Government of India and not from retrospective date.
- v) In future, should a State Government seek to revise wage rates under NREGA the proposal for such a revision will have to be first submitted to Government of India and the revised wage rate as approved by Government of India will be applicable from the date indicated in the Government of India notification. State Governments will be liable for any difference in payment of wage rates caused by any deviation from this policy.

Yours sincerely,



(AMITA SHARMA)
Joint Secretary (NREGA)

S.No.	Name of State	Wage Rate in Rs. Per day	With Effect From
1	2	3	4
1.	Assam	Rs. 100/-	2 nd December, 2009
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 100/-	21 st May, 2009
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Rs. 80/-	1 st April, 2009
4.	Bihar	Rs. 100/-	1 st June, 2009
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	Rs. 100/-	10 th August, 2009
9.	Karnataka	Rs. 100/-	1 st April, 2009
11.	Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 100/-	1 st October, 2009
14.	Meghalaya	Rs. 100/-	24 th August, 2009
18.	Punjab-		
(a)	Hoshiarpur	Rs. 100/-	14 th May, 2009
(b)	Jalandhar	Rs. 100/-	14 th May, 2009
(c)	Nawanshar	Rs. 100/-	14 th May, 2009
21.	Tamil Nadu	Rs. 100/-	1 st October, 2009
22.	Tripura	Rs. 100/-	1 st April, 2009
24.	West Bengal	Rs. 87.50	2 nd December, 2009
25.	Chattisgarh	Rs. 83.73	1 st October, 2009
26.	Jharkhand	Rs. 99/-	2 nd June, 2009