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To,  
Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of all States / UTs  
Department of Rural Development/ Panchayati Raj (In charge of MGNREGA)

**Subject: Geotagging of Works under GeoMGNREGA Phase-II**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Ministry of Rural Development has initiated GeoMGNREGA Phase-II wherein all works done under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA are geotagged along with 2 photographs each of the three stages i.e. (i) Before start of the work (location), (ii) During the work, (iii) After completion of the work.

2. The Ministry undertook a massive training exercise for three months to orient senior officers of state governments and in this process trained more than 2,60,000 field functionaries. Simultaneously, from 1st September 2017, pilots were conducted in the 32 GIS Pioneering Districts (GPDs).

3. A video conferencing with all States/UT's was conducted on 30th October 2017 on preparedness of national rollout of GeoMGNREGA Phase-II, under the chairpersonship of Joint Secretary, MGNREGA. GeoMGNREGA Phase-II was rolled out in all the districts of 29 States and 2 UTs on 1st November 2017.

However the States/UT's faced the following problems while implementing GeoMGNREGA Phase-II in the GPD's:-

(i) **Certain works taken up under MGNREGS are completed within 1 muster roll cycle** i.e. between 7-15 days, wherein complete expenditure is booked at one go. The current system is to capture geotags in following stages with certain checks on NREGASoft for better implementation: -

(a) **Stage 1** geotagging (Before the Start of Work): It has to be carried out on works which have complete technical and administrative sanctions and have the DPR frozen in NREGASoft.

(b) **Stage 2** geotagging (During the Work): Once 30% of the estimated cost of the work is booked as expenditure, then the said work will be available for Stage 2 geotagging on GeoMGNREGA Bhuvan Application. However, if 60% of the estimated cost is booked



as expenditure in NREGASoft and Stage-2 geotag is not captured in Bhuvan and no further expenditure on the work can be booked.

(c) **Stage 3** geotagging (After completion of work): Once the work is completed and closed at NREGASoft, it is available for Stage 3 geotagging.

In such cases implementing Stage-2 (During the work) geotagging, with a check on NREGASoft delayed the progress of works. Also, it results in similar pictures captured in stage2 and stage 3 and this may wrong depiction of information in the public domain.

(ii) **Geotagging of PMAY(G) Works:** When MGNREGA Spatial Enumerator (MSE) goes to capture the Stage 1 geotag (Before the start of Work), along the pictures in the field, he/she finds that a sizable portion of the house is already constructed in most of the cases. This may result in wrong depiction of information in the public domain.


After detailed discussion and deliberation on the above two points, the following exemptions are made :-

(i) **Works with sanction amount less than or equal to INR 50,000**

The Stage-2 (During the Work) check on NREGASoft will be removed for works having sanction amount less than or equal to INR 50,000. However, Stage-2 geotag must be captured by the MGNREGA Spatial Enumerator (MSE) during the work. The work will be available in the Bhuvan GeoMGNREGA mobile app for Stage-2 geotagging, once Stage 1 Geotag is received at NREGASoft.

(ii) **PMAY(G) works are exempt** from geotagging under GeoMGNREGA Phase-II in all the three stages.

The above decisions will be implemented w.e.f. 20th November 2017, the State may issue necessary directions to the field officers. We solicit your cooperation and timely action.

  
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