



**RURAL MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
GANGTOK-737 101**

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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, as required under sub-section (1) of section 32 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005, the draft **Sikkim Rural Employment Guarantee Rules (SREGR), 2010** has been published in Sikkim Government Gazette Extraordinary vide No:549 dated 4th October, 2010 for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and notice was given that the said draft rules would be taken into consideration after expiry of a period of 30 (thirty) days from the date of its publication in Official Gazette.

And whereas, no view or suggestions have been received from any person with respect to the said draft rules within the stipulated period of 30 days which expired on 4th October, 2010;

Now, therefore, in exercise of power conferred under sub section (1) of section 32 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, the State Government hereby makes the following rules namely;-

Short title and commencement:

- 1(1). These rules may be called the **Sikkim Rural Employment Guarantee Rules (SREGR), 2010**.
- (2). They shall come in force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

Definitions:

2. (1). In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-
 - (a) The “**Act**” means the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (42 of 2005);
 - (b) “**Block**” means a group of Gram Panchayats Units being supported by a Block Administrative Centre (BAC);

- (c) “**Central rules**” means the rules framed by the Government of India under the Act;
- (d) "**District Program Coordinator**" means District Development Officers posted under Rural Management and Development Department, Government of Sikkim;
- (e) "**Notification**" means a notification published in the Official Gazette of Sikkim;
- (f) “**Panchayat Act**” means the Sikkim Panchayats Act, 1993;
- (g) “**Programme Officer**” mean the Block development Officer posted in the Block Administrative Centres;
- (h) “**Project Director**” means the Secretary of the State Government in the Rural Management and Development Department, Government of Sikkim and any other officer not below the rank of the Joint Secretary, so designated;
- (i) “**State cell**” means the State Cell under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 in the Head Office of Rural Management & Development Department, Government of Sikkim;
- (j) “**State rules**” means the rules framed by the State Government under the Act.

(2). The words and expressions used in these rules and not otherwise defined but defined in the Act; shall have the meaning(s) respectively assigned to them in the Act.

Eligibility to receive unemployment allowance

3. (1). A person who is registered under the Scheme and who has given a letter asking for employment shall be entitled to receive unemployment allowance at the rate equal to one-fourth of the prevailing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, wage rate for the first thirty (30) days during the financial year and equal to half of the prevailing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, wage rate for the remaining period of the financial year.

(2). The liability of the Panchayat to pay unemployment allowance to any household shall cease as per the provisions of the sub-section (3) of section (7) of the Act.

**Procedure for
payment of
unemployment
allowance**

4. (1). A person claiming unemployment allowance shall make an application to the Panchayat Secretary after the last day of the period for which unemployment allowance is claimed.

(2). A copy of the acknowledgement received while handing over the application seeking employment shall be attached to the application.

(3). On receipt of the application, the Panchayat Secretary shall make necessary enquiries and if he is satisfied that the applicant is registered for employment under the scheme and is entitled for payment of unemployment allowance, he shall forward the application to the Program Officer along with his remarks.

(4). The Program Officer based on the contents of the application and the justification by Panchayat Secretary shall issue an order to that effect indicating the period for which the unemployment allowances is payable and shall make payment of the unemployment allowance to the applicant through Panchayat Secretary of the concerned Gram Panchayat.

(5). If the Program Officer rejects the demand for unemployment allowance, he shall record the reasons for rejecting the same and intimate the same to the applicant in written.

(6). The Gram panchayat making payment of unemployment allowances to eligible applicants shall do so solely through an account payee cheque.

(7). The Gram Panchayat shall submit monthly statement to the programme officer regarding the payment of unemployment allowance made by him.

**Maintenance of
Accounts of
employment of
labourers and
expenditure**

5. (1). Program Officer shall maintain the account of employment and expenditure.

(2). Each Gram Panchayat shall maintain a register of all works sanctioned executed and completed. The information in the register will be reported by the Gram Panchayat to the Program Officer in the same proforma.

(3) The Program Officer shall compile the data in the computer and supply a copy to the District Program Coordinator.

(4) The District Program Coordinator shall compile the data received from Program Officers who have reported the data of assets falling within the jurisdiction of more than one Program Officer and shall generate monthly and annual reports in the proforma given for MIS Formats and send it to the Rural Management and Development Department, Government of Sikkim and the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India through an electronic copy, e-mailed or online reported and a hard copy duly signed.

**Execution
arrangements**

6. (1). At State level, the Project Director, Rural Management and Development Department will be assisted by a Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act State Cell. The Cell shall be manned by requisite number of Subject Specialists and staff.

(2). At the District level, the District Development Officer shall be the District Program Coordinator and he shall be supported by Assistant District Programme Coordinator, Account personnel and a requisite number of professional manpower and staff.

(3). At the block level, the Block Development Officer shall be Programme officer and he/she shall be supported by Assistant Programme Officer, Technical Assistant and a requisite number of professional manpower, and staff .

(4). At the village level, the Gram panchayat is assisted by Gram Rozgar Sahayak, Rural Development Assistant and additional staff depending on the volume of work and necessity.



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