RURAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM, GANTOK

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To,

All ADC (Dev)
North / East / South / West
Rural Development Department
Government of Sikkim

Sub: Directives for measures to contain spread of COVID 19 during Lock down period while resuming MGNREGA Work.


Sir / Madam
Reference above, the MGNREGA work will have to be resumed across all district from 20th April, 2020. In this regard several teleconference meetings with District/Block functionaries have already been conducted and the plan for resuming work w.e.f 20th April, 2020 has been put in place.

However, the following additional directives should also be strictly followed while executing work on the ground.

1. All concern BDOs, APOs, GRS, JEs and Mates to be sensitized on DOs and DONTs issued by the department.
2. The guidelines, SOP and directives issued by both Central and State Government need to be disseminated to all Gram Panchayat and ensure that no norms are violated.
3. ADC-Dev concern to coordinate with the NRLM SHGs who are manufacturing Home made face mask and place required order. The cost of the same to be met from the materials expenditure.
4. All field functionaries to be in station 24/7 and not leave any worksite unattended or without the notice of the BDOs, ADC concern.
5. While initiating works, priority must be given to Natural Resource Management and Water Conservation Work.
6. South district and 5 NAFCC block of west district must prioritize construction of NAFCC water tank and Dhara Vikas Work.
7. ADCs, BDOs to pay surprise monitoring visit of the work site to ensure that the norm of social distancing are strictly followed.

8. Maximum use of IEC material like Video, mobile app on COVID 19 to be ensured to sensitise the workers. Every worker should be encouraged to download the Aarogya Setu app in their phones if possible.

9. The GRS, Mates along with Job Card Holders must also act like a watch person to constantly monitor the movement of people within and outside the village. No outsider must be allowed to enter the work site premises.

10. A Help line No, Control room number and contact no of officer in charge like health, police, DC / SDM, BDO must be made available at each work site.

11. The Blocks / GPs which share boundaries with West Bengal and Nepal must be extra vigilant.

12. All GRS concerned must post daily report on WhatsApp groups of worksites, no of workers present and any other issues.

13. Only Individual Work or work requiring small number of groups to be sanctioned/initiated.

14. In order to restrict movement of functionaries, an online working models may be developed like issue of Sanction intimation (SI), eMR, Capturing Demand for work etc.

15. All MGNREGA works to be closely monitored on day to day basis and no eMR and payment should be kept pending. Any issues related to payment of wages must be reported to Head office or the concern ADPCs.

For any issues related to execution of MGNREGA work, the following officer at Head office may be contacted.

1. Smt. Rinchen D. Bhutia, Joint Secretary – MGNREGA - 96090-19322
2. Smt. Sisila Lama, Deputy Director – IT - 96474-51798
3. Mr. Nima Tashi Bhutia, Sr. Ping Coordinator - 97330-91835

Thanking You

Yours Faithfully

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1. Principle Secretary, RDD for information
2. Commissioner NRLM
3. All District Collectors of respective districts.