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My dear Prithvi -

1. I am writing this letter to apprise you on the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA (MGNREGA) in Maharashtra. Earlier, the Chief Secretary of Government of Maharashtra had written to this Ministry on prompt release of funds under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA to meet growing labour payment needs due to an unexpected surge in the labour attendance in Maharashtra during the 1st quarter of FY 2011/12.

2. You would be happy to note that we have considered the request of Maharashtra and released funds to the districts of Maharashtra to meet their immediate requirements under MGNREGA. Further, considering rise in the demand for wage employment under MGNREGA in the State, we have agreed to revise the existing Labour Budget (LB) upwards for 600 lakh person-days of employment generation at a total cost of Rs.1,346.22 crore during FY 2011/12. Fund releases on the basis of revised LB are in progress.

3. While the Ministry takes due care to expedite the releases to the State/Districts, non-compliance or part-compliance of prerequisite conditions as laid down under MGNREGA and non-submission of ATR(s) on serious complaint(s) very often leads to delays in remittance of funds. The Ministry has reviewed the fund-flow mechanism, pending utilization certificates(UCs) and Audit Reports(ARs) of Scheme accounts and Action Taken Report(ATR) thereupon for Maharashtra and felt that the State needs to comply with required conditionalities, settle accounts, submit ATRs on complaints and operationalise the State Employment Guarantee fund at the earliest.

4. Further, our subsequent fund releases under MGNREGA will now be based on only MIS entry. I would, therefore, request you to kindly instruct concerned officials to update MIS entry preferably by 31st October 2011. This has also been explained to the Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary(EGS) earlier.

With regards, Personal

Yours sincerely

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