

Press Release

Panchayat and Rural Development, Assam

Fight against COVID-19

MGNREGS' works resumed in Assam

Wage employment to Job Card Holders during Lock Down

44,251 are provided work

Minister Doley urges to come forward to take the benefit of it

Guwahati May3: Panchayat and Rural Development, Assam has started works under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) for providing assistance to economically and socially vulnerable section of people in rural areas of Assam to compensate their daily wages during nationwide lock down to prevent the spreading of COVID-19.

It may be mentioned here that every interested family is issued a job card under MGNREGA where all eligible members' name may be incorporated for wage base employment. After resuming the works under MGNREGA 44,251 members of 34,307 families are provided work till now. Here it may also be noted that at present the wage under the scheme is enhanced to Rs.213. In implementation of the scheme during this lock down period the Government norms like social distancing, wearing mask and frequently washing hands with soap are strictly adhered to.

P & RD minister Naba Kr Doley has urged people who have come back home from outside Assam and have to stay without engagement, to apply for job card immediately in their respective Gaon Panchayats so that they might also be provided wage employment to cope with present crisis situation. The department has already issued guidelines for it. He also advocates for the same for other families who are willing to get wage employment but yet to apply job card. The PMAYG beneficiaries may ensure 95 days employment by constructing their own houses, he added.

Once the work under MGNREGA is started, the needy people of rural areas along with the persons who have come back home and jobless breathe a sigh of relief. It is worth mentioning that Minister Doley is relentlessly monitoring the whole initiatives taken by P & RD Department to help the poor people of rural areas of the state. The wage based employment under MGNREGA also started in the line of these initiatives with special thrust upon water conservation, irrigation, repairing of roads and individual beneficiary scheme to help the poor in earning sustainable livelihood.

Arrangement is made to keep a good number of sanctioned schemes, so that every wage employment seeker may be engaged in work during this crisis. Principal Secretary of P & RD, Assam Dr. J B Ekka and Commissioner Hemen Das urge the field officials of the department to serve the needy people by fruitful implementation of the schemes with dedication and commitment so that the vulnerable section of people may be benefitted in letter and spirit.

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