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Government of West Bengal
Department of Panchayats & Rural Development
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No.5362/PN/O/1/3C-8/2011

Dated:10.10.2012

ORDER

Whereas in terms of section 26 of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration Act, 2011, the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) shall have administrative, financial and executive powers in the GTA region in relation to various activities of different departments including Panchayats & Rural Development Department and the concerned District Rural Development Cell;

And whereas, in terms of section 34 (1) of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration Act, 2011, the GTA shall exercise general powers of supervision over Zilla Parishad, Panchayat Samiti and Gram Panchayats in the GTA region and whereas it shall be the duty of every Zilla Parishad, Panchayat Samiti and Gram Panchayat in the GTA region to give effect to any direction of the GTA on matters of policy or planning for development;

And whereas three-tier Panchayats have not yet been formed in the GTA region in terms of Section 34 (1) of the GTA Act, 2011 in order to enable this Department to implement various poverty alleviation/rural development programmes in the GTA region through three-tier Panchayat bodies as is done in other districts;

And whereas in terms of section 34 (2) of the GTA Act, 2011, the GTA shall, until a Zilla Parishad is constituted in the GTA region, exercise all the powers of the Zilla Parishad under sections 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161 and 162 of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973;

Now, therefore the Governor is pleased to order that the GTA shall implement the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in the GTA region through Block Development Officers/Panchayat bodies when formed in the GTA region/various other Government departments/agencies by following the guidelines issued from time to time by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India and the Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal; that the Principal Secretary, GTA shall function as the Programme Coordinator, MGNREGS in the GTA region; and that this delegation of power to implement MGNREGS in the GTA region shall continue even after Panchayat bodies are formed in the GTA region.

The Governor is further pleased to order as follows:

- (a) The District Rural Development Cell (DRDC) shall function under administrative control of the GTA and that the DRDC shall implement the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), now restructured as National Rural Livelihood

Mission (NRLM) as per guidelines issued from time to time by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India and the Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal, as well as the West Bengal State Rural Livelihoods Mission (WBSRLM), a registered Society under the Panchayats & Rural Development Department.

- (b) Until a Zilla Parishad is constituted in the GTA region, the GTA shall implement the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) in the GTA region through Block Development Officers/Panchayat bodies when formed in the GTA region by following the guidelines issued from time to time by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India and the Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal.
- (c) The GTA shall implement the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) in the GTA region through Block Development Officers/Panchayat bodies when formed in the GTA region by following the guidelines issued from time to time by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India and the Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal.
- (d) Until a Zilla Parishad is constituted in the GTA region, the GTA shall implement the Thirteenth Finance Commission Grant Schemes (the General Basic Grant, the Special Area Basic Grant, the General Performance Grant and Special Area Performance Grant) in the GTA region through Block Development Officers/Panchayat bodies when formed in the GTA region by following the guidelines issued from time to time by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India and the Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal.
- (e) The GTA shall implement the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) in the GTA region through Block Development Officers/ Panchayat bodies when formed in the GTA region/various other Government departments/agencies by following the guidelines issued from time to time by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India and the Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal.
- (f) The GTA shall implement the Sishu Siksha Karmasuchi & Madhyamik Siksha Karmasuchi in the GTA region through Block Development Officers/Panchayat bodies when formed in the GTA region/various other Government departments/agencies by following the guidelines issued from time to time by the Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal.
- (g) Until a Zilla Parishad is constituted in the GTA region, the GTA shall implement the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) schemes in the GTA region directly or through Panchayat bodies when formed in the GTA region/various other Government departments/agencies by following the guidelines issued from


time to time by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India and the Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal.

The Governor is also pleased to order that the offices and the employees under administrative control of the Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal working in the GTA region shall provide necessary support to the GTA in their official functions and that they shall abide by the instructions of the GTA in discharge of their official functions.

The Governor is also pleased to order that the Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal will issue further guidelines from time to time as deemed necessary for implementation of any other programme/scheme administered by this Department.

The Governor is also pleased to indicate the tentative allocation of funds for 2012-13 for implementation of various programmes/schemes to be administered by the Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal in the GTA region as stated in the enclosed table (*Annexure-I*).

By order of the Governor


Principal Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal


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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India.
3. The Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal.
- ✓ 4. The Principal Secretary, Hill Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal.
5. The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/ Secretary,.....
Department.
6. The Principal Secretary, Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, Darjeeling.
7. The Commissioner, Panchayats & Rural Development Department, West Bengal.
8. The District Magistrate, Darjeeling.
9. Smt./Shri.....Joint Secretary/OSD & Ex-Officio
Deputy Secretary, Panchayats & Rural Development Department.


Principal Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal

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Annexure-1

to GO No.5362/PN/O/1/3C-8/2011 dated 10.10.2012 of the
Department of Panchayats & Rural Development, Government of West Bengal

Tentative allocation of funds for 2012-13 for the GTA region for the major poverty alleviation/rural development programmes administered by the Panchayats & Rural Development Department			
Sl. No.	Name of the major poverty alleviation/rural development programmes	Tentative allocation of funds for 2012-13 for the GTA region (in Rupees Lakh)	Fund Flow Mechanism
1.	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)	12000.00 [10200.00 from GoI & 1800.00 from GOWB] NB: Since MGNREGS is a demand driven programme, allocations may substantially increase, based on demand for work from the job card holding households	Funds under this programme will flow to the Principal Secretary, GTA as Programme Coordinator, MGNREGS
2.	(a) Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), restructured as NRLM	254.09 [190.57 from GoI & 63.52 from GOWB]	Funds under this programme will flow to DRDC under the GTA performing the functions of the Zilla Parishad until a ZP is constituted.
	(b) DRDA Administration Fund	106.18 [81.63 from GoI & 24.55 from GOWB]	Funds under this programme will flow to DRDC under the GTA performing the functions of the Zilla Parishad until a ZP is constituted.
3.	Indira Awas Yojana (IAY)	496.72 [372.54 from GoI & 124.18 from GOWB]	Ditto
4.	National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) (a) Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) (b) Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) (c) Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) (d) National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS)	581.376 [316.536 from GoI & 264.84 from GOWB] 56.208 [50% from GoI & 50% from GOWB] 17.76 [50% from GoI & 50% from GOWB] 40.00 [100% from GoI]	The funds under these schemes will flow to the GTA.
5.	(a) Thirteenth Finance Commission Grant - General Basic Grant	566.001	Funds under this programme will flow to the GTA performing the functions of the Zilla Parishad until a ZP is constituted.
	(b) Thirteenth Finance Commission Grant - Special Area Basic Grant	160.00	Ditto

Tentative allocation of funds for 2012-13 for the GTA region for the major poverty alleviation/rural development programmes administered by the Panchayats & Rural Development Department

Sl. No.	Name of the major poverty alleviation/rural development programmes	Tentative allocation of funds for 2012-13 for the GTA region (in Rupees Lakh)	Fund Flow Mechanism
6.	Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA)	621.64 [459.10 from GoI & 162.54 from GOWB]	Ditto
7.	Sishu Siksha Karmasuchi & Madhyamik Siksha Karmasuchi	2000.00 [65% from GoI & 35% from GOWB]	Ditto
8.	Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)	759.96 [Loan from NABARD]	Ditto

Note-1: Pradhanmantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is implemented through the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) set up in the district but functioning under control of the West Bengal State Rural Development Agency (WBSRDA). Funds under the programme will flow from the Agency direct to the PIU. Tentative allocation of fund for PMGSY for 2012-13 is Rs.40 crore to be available from GoI/ADB (under programme head) and Rs.20 lakh to be available from GoWB (under maintenance head). The GTA can exercise supervisory powers over the PIU.

Note-2: Funds under the State Finance Commission Grant can be placed only after constitution of Panchayat bodies; hence no allocation of fund for the GTA region during 2012-13 is likely.

Note-3: There is a Project at Kalimpong under the West Bengal Comprehensive Area Development Corporation (WBCADC) and funds will flow direct to the project from the Corporation. The GTA can exercise supervisory powers over the Project.