## ABSTRACT

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) - Announcements – Announcement made by Hon'ble Minister (Municipal Administration, Rural Development, Law, Courts and Prisons) on 01.08.2014 – Effective monitoring and implementation of the MGNREGS - Provision of Closed User Group (CUG) facility to Deputy BDOs (Deputy Block Development Officers) and Union Overseers of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department – Orders issued.

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Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department

**G.O.(Ms) No. 103** **Dated: 20.08.2014**

**Read :**

1. G.O (Ms) No.90, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, Dated 24.07.2013.
2. Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (i/c), Chennai, Letter Roc.No.50994/2014/ MGNREGS-II-1, dated 11.08.2014.

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**ORDER:**

In the Government order first read above, orders have been issued, among others, permitting the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to provide Closed User Group (CUG) services to all the Officers of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department at a cost of Rs.55 Lakhs for one year.

2. Hon'ble Minister (Municipal Administration, Rural Development, Law, Courts and Prisons) made the following announcement, while moving the demand No.42 on the floor of the Legislative Assembly on 01.08.2014:

> "In order to monitor and effective implementation of the scheme, "Closed User Group" (CUG) facility will be provided to Deputy Block Development Officers and Overseers.
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> Sim cards at a cost of Rs.1.29 Crore will be given to 3912 Deputy Block Development Officers and 2602 Union Overseers".

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3. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (i/c), in the letter second read above, has stated that Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is being implemented in 31 Districts of Tamil Nadu. Since MGNREGS involves provision of employment to lakhs of rural people every day, it requires continuous monitoring and communication at all levels on a day to day basis. Hence, it is important to create a network of officials for efficient implementation of MGNREGS and other flagship Schemes of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

4. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (i/c) has also stated that in G.O (Ms) No.90, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, Dated 24.07.2013 provisions made at the State level, commencing from the Additional Directors to the Block Development Officers on the Administrative side and Superintending Engineers to Assistant Engineers on the technical side have been provided with Closed User Group facility. At the District Level, commencing from the District Collector to the Block Development Officers on the Administrative side and the Executive Engineers to the Assistant Engineers on the Technical Side have also been provided with Closed User Group facility.

5. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (i/c) has further stated that the numbers of habitations in the Village Panchayats are not uniform. The average number of habitations in a Village Panchayat is around 7. After taking into account the number of habitations in each Village Panchayat, the habitations have been grouped into clusters. From October 2011 onwards more than one work is permitted in the Village Panchayat and after the introduction of individual beneficiary oriented works like farm ponds, plantation, land development activities, etc., the number of worksites in each Village Panchayat have increased manifold.

6. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (i/c) has added that Deputy Block Development Officers are the Officers, who are appointed as nodal officers or link officers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme not only to oversee the works but also to monitor the payment of wages through Banks / Banking Correspondents. They are also actively involved in the finalization of works implemented by the Village Panchayats and acts as nodal officers in conducting Gram Sabha for approval of works / Labour Budget. Overseer is the technical Officer, who is at the cutting edge level, who visits each and every worksite to supervise all the technical works and it is imperative to have a mobile facility so as to communicate the on-site technical aspects to other officials. Hence, for the effective implementation of the Scheme, it would be appropriate to bring the Deputy Block Development Officers and Overseers within the Closed User Group network.

7. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (i/c) has also stated that as announced by the Hon'ble Minister (Municipal Administration, Rural Development, Law, Courts and Prisons) 3,912 Deputy Block Development Officers and 2,602 Union Overseers shall be brought under the Closed User Group network. This may be undertaken after following the due procedures and rules framed under the Tamil Nadu Tender Transparency Act (TTA) 1998 and Rules 2000.

8. The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (i/c) has therefore requested the Government to accord necessary permission to extend the Closed User Group facilities to 3,912 Deputy Block Development Officers and 2602 Overseers.

9. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (i/c), permit the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (i/c) to extend the Closed User Group (CUG) facilities to the 3,912 Deputy Block Development Officers and 2602 Union Overseers after following the due procedures and rules framed under the Tamil Nadu Tender Transparency Act (TTA) 1998 and Rules 2000.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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