

**URGENT**  
**ELECTION CODE OF CONDUCT**

No.V. 24015/5/2005-MGNREGA  
Government of India  
Ministry of Rural Development  
(MGNREGA Division)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated: 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2013.

To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary  
in charge of MGNREGA  
State Governments of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram.

Subject: Implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)-Application of Model Code of Conduct.

Sir/Madam,

With the announcement of holding Legislative Assembly election in your State, the provisions of the Model Code of Conduct have come into force. While adhering to the instructions issued by the Election Commission of India from time to time, the following may please be referred to:-

(1) **Registration of households and issuance of job cards-** Ministry of Rural Development had apprised the Election Commission of India that the registration of households and issuance of job cards to registered households is a continuous process in compliance with the MGNREG Act and therefore, cannot be suspended by any authority under any circumstances and requested them to issue guidelines so as to ensure implementation of the Act unhindered. The Election Commission of India had conveyed their 'no objection' to the proposal of this Ministry in 2009. Accordingly, you are requested to note this and inform all implementing agencies that the process of registration of households and issuance of job cards to the registered households under MGNREGA must be carried on even after the announcement of State Elections and enforcement of Model Code of Conduct.

(2) **Opening of new works-** In this regard the instructions of the Election Commission of India issued in 2008 are as under:-

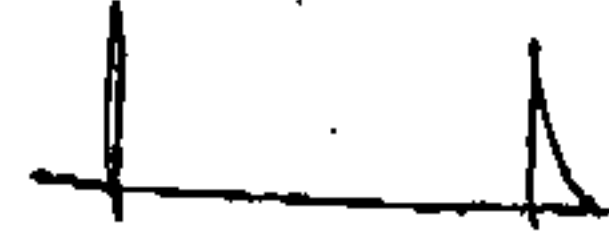
" The job card holder will be provided employment, if they demand work, after announcement of elections in the ongoing works. In case no employment can be provided in ongoing works, the competent authority may start new work(s) from the shelf of projects that has been approved and inform the fact to concerned District Election Officer(DEO). No new work shall be started by the competent authority till such time employment can be given in ongoing works. In case no shelf of projects is available or all works available on shelf have been exhausted then concerned competent authority shall make a reference to the Commission for approval through the concerned DEO. The

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competent authority shall also furnish a certificate to DEO to the effect that the new work has been sanctioned as no employment can be given to the job card holder in the ongoing work. Responsibility for following these instructions shall lie with the Authority sanctioning new work."

This is for your information and necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,



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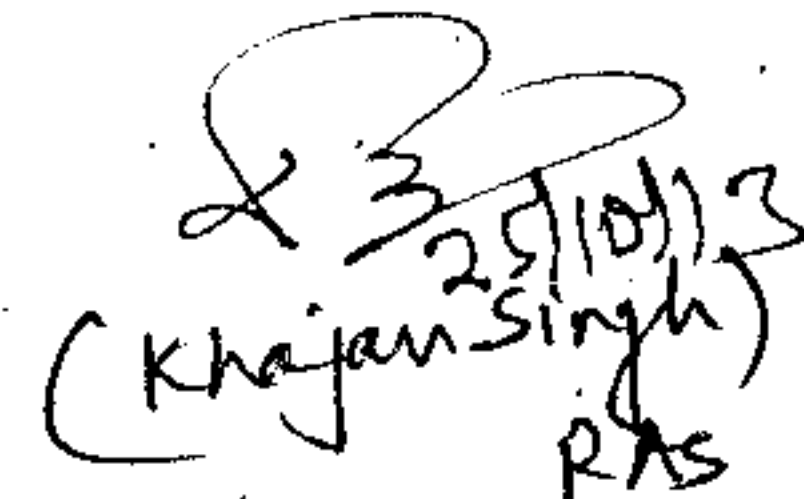
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