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Ministry of Rural Development  
Department of Rural Development  
MGNREGA Division

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To  
The Spl CS/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary (in-charge of MGNREGA) of all States/ UTs  
SEP 2014  
Subject: **Advisory on convergence of MGNREGS and Railways.**  
Madam/ Sir,

आयुक्त मनरेगा का  
ग्रामीण विकास विभाग  
Ms  
S.A.M. Singh

In accordance with the inter-ministerial consultation with the Ministry of Railways and the provisions of the Paragraph 4 (1)I(v) & IV. (ii) of Schedule-I, MGNREGA and Para 7.3.7 of the Operational Guidelines, 2013, following works & activities can be taken up in convergence with Railways:

- (a) Construction and maintenance of approach roads for level crossings;
- (b) Construction and maintenance of approach roads to railway stations;
- (c) Developing and cleaning silted waterways, trenches and drains along the tracks;
- (d) Repairs of earthwork to the existing railway embankments/cuttings with clearing of vegetation growth;
- (e) Plantation of trees at extreme boundary of railway land at such location, where sufficient land is available.

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- 2. This convergence shall be implemented as per the following guidelines:
  - a. All these works will be carried out only in rural areas.
  - b. For works above at (a) and (b) the GP will be the implementing agency; and for works at (c) to (e) the line department or the designated Department of the State Government will be the implementing agency.
  - c. Railways will meet the cost of material component in all these works and the labour component will be met from MGNREGS.
  - d. In case of plantation of trees on railway margins it will be ensured that the guidelines issued regarding tree plantation on road margins by this Department consisting of assigning the usufruct of the trees to beneficiaries shall necessarily be followed.

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- e. While preparing projects/ estimates for the aforesaid works, the officials of Railways in the Division would indicate their contribution (financial) in executing the works through MGNREGA and maintain separate account of the financial share contributed by Railways.
  - f. All processes and non-negotiables of MGNREGA would apply (i.e. approval of projects/ works from Gram Sabha for works for which GPs are PIAs and from District Panchayat for works for which line department is PIA. Execution of works through job card holders, non-engagement of contractors and labour displacement machines, maintenance of labour material ratio 60:40 at GP level where GP is PIA and at District level, where Line Department is PIA, social audit, transparency and accountability etc.)
  - g. The technical officials of Railways concerned would assist the district administration in preparing the technical designs, drawings/estimates and giving layout of the works to be executed by the GP under MGNREGA; and will ensure/ monitor quality of works.
  - h. The administrative sanction of all these works will be issued by the respective District Programme Coordinator (DPC), MGNREGA. Technical Sanction will be issued by the competent authority of PIA.
3. The District Administration and the Railway officials concerned shall have joint meeting, to operationalise the above convergence.

Yours faithfully,

  
**(R Subrahmanyam)**  
**Joint Secretary (RE)**

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- i) The General Manager, Shri Alok Kumar, Executive Director/ Civil Engineering (G), Ministry of Railways.