

**Rural Development Department
Government of Bihar**

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Shri D.K Jain,
Joint Secretary,
Minister for Rural Development,
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi


Subject: Updated Action Taken Report on CEFS findings on MGNREGA implementation in Bihar

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to the latest ATR sent by State Government via letter no. 145164 dated 10.04.2013.

2. In continuation thereof an updated version is attached along with this letter for your reference.
3. It may be noted that the State Government has taken requisite action on the irregularities highlighted in the CEFS report.
4. The status of disposal of the criminal cases lodged in this connection is regularly being reviewed by concerned districts as well as the State Level Officers for timely completion of investigation & fast track trial.

Yours Sincerely,


(Amrit Lal Meena)
Secretary, RDD
Government of Bihar

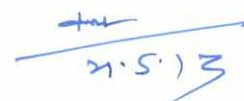
Update on the action taken report by State Government on CEFS Research

Study (status as on 20th May, 2013)

1. The facts indicated were thoroughly verified and based on the findings appropriate administrative, disciplinary and legal actions have been taken as listed below:
 - a. 29 MGNREGA functionaries have been terminated after following due process.
 - b. 18 police cases were lodged against 50 persons out of which investigation have been completed in 2 cases and are under way in 16 cases. Charge sheet has been filed in 2 cases. As per available information a total of 7 accused persons have been arrested.

The district administration has been directed to ensure completion of the investigation in all cases at the earliest. It has also been advised that appropriate measures be ensured for fast track trial of the cases lodged.

2. With a view to ensure transparency, accountability, and responsibility in the implementation of the Act, State Government has institutionalized mechanism for regular inspection of work sites. In all 534 blocks, 1 panchayat is visited every Wednesday by teams lead by a Senior Administrative Officer independent of implementation of MGNREGA. Resultantly, so far 5369 GPs (63.64%) have been visited. As a consequence of the finding, 296 MGNREGA functionaries have been terminated. Police cases have been lodged in 320 cases.
3. With a view to ensure complete transparency, system of issuance of "Statement of Job" to MGNREGA workers has been operationalized which has resulted in greater openness and sense of responsibility among the functionaries.
4. Ombudsmen are working in 11 districts and selection process is underway for the remaining districts.
5. 28 SQMs have been selected for independent quality monitoring of MGNREGA works.
6. Social Audit mechanism has been strengthened by way of setting up of an independent Social Audit Cell. Focused attention on Social Audit has resulted in 11542 Social Audits covering 7836 Gram Panchayats in last Financial Year.

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7. With a view to ensure the participation of vulnerable sections i.e. SC/ST and Women, special campaigns have been launched which has resulted in significant increase in capturing of demand.
8. With a view to organize the MGNREGA workers, 15 mates per GP are being selected through Gram Sabhas.
9. The GP Executive Committee have been given effective role for sanction of expenditure, grievance redressal, quality monitoring and to ensure transparency and openness.
10. State Government is committed for qualitative implementation of the Act.

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