

M-13016/2/2009-MGNREGA
Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
(Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Division)
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated 10.5.2010

To,
Mr. R P Mattoo,
President, Natural Resources India Foundation (NRIF)
155, New GH-6, White Apartments
Sunder Vihar, New Delhi-110087

Subject:- Empanelment under "Eminent Citizens Scheme" for monitoring of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the advertisement dated 9.12.2009 issued in the leading National Dailies by this Ministry inviting applications/nominations for empanelment of persons under "Eminent Citizens Scheme" and subsequent list of short listed applicants posted on the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA web-site (www.nrega.nic.in) on 26.3.2010 inviting comments from the public in accordance with Para 3.4 of the Scheme and to convey the approval of the competent authority for your engagement/empanelment under the "Eminent Citizens Scheme" for monitoring of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.

2. In this connection, I am further directed to communicate the following salient features/aspect of the Scheme and other pertinent information:-

(i) One or more Districts shall be earmarked to each Eminent Person for monitoring and the same shall not be subject to change. He/She may visit the earmarked District once in a year in consultation with the Ministry. He/She will spend six days in the District including the days of travel to monitor the implementation of the Act. He/She may interview various officials, PRI functionaries, MGNREGS workers and other stakeholders to assess the implementation quality. He/She may request for any information in regard to the implementation of the programme from any of the MGNREGA authorities. He/She may observe the best practices and innovations that may have been undertaken by the State or the district administration in the implementation of the Act. He/She shall be entitled to interact with the media and brief the media about the outcomes/conclusions of his/her visit.

(ii) The current panel will be valid for two years.

(iii) Eminent Citizens so empanelled will be eligible for TA/DA as per the norms of Government of India applicable to officers of the rank of Secretary to the Government of India.

(iv) In accordance with Para 6 of the Scheme, the selected Eminent Citizens are to be provided orientation by the Central Government to enable them to discharge their functions. Accordingly, the first 'Orientation Workshop' will be organized by the Ministry on 17.5.2010 at 11:00 A.M. in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Districts allotted to each Eminent Citizen shall also be communicated in this workshop. Each Eminent Citizen shall also be provided with an Identity Card indicating their status as "**Eminent Citizen**".

(v) TA/DA for the workshop will be borne by the Ministry of Rural Development.

3. Your confirmation for participation in the Orientation Workshop may be sent at email: goyalnirmala@yahoo.com or Miss Neeta Dubey, (Consultant) may be informed on phone no.: 9958271990.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-
(Nirmala Goyal)
US (MGNREGA)