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Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to the meeting of the Empowered Committee to discuss and scrutinize the Labour Budget estimates for 2010-2011 held on 26<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

2. The approved minutes of the Labour Budget meeting are enclosed for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

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*Enclosure: Minutes of the Labour Budget meeting.*

**Principal Secretary / Secretary**  
**To All States and UTs**

## **Minutes of the Labour Budget Meeting**

The meetings of the Empowered Committee to discuss and scrutinise the Labour Budget estimates for 2010-2011 were held on 26, 30 and 31 March, 2010 in the Ministry of Rural Development. The meetings were held under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. The general remarks of the Ministry were as under:

1. Secretary, Rural Development, Government of India: From next financial year i.e. 2010-11 funds will be released on the basis of MIS details. He also mentioned that the realistic Labour Budget facilitate in funds release. He further mentioned that due to discrepancies or inconsistencies at Block level the fund release become very arduous task and consume lot of time which ideally should take only five percent of the total time. In this regard he emphasised that all possible effort should be put to curtail the Opening Balance.

2. AS&FA: The labour budget is only estimation and reviewing of it can be done at regular interval on the basis of actual performance. He also mentioned that the State can approach the Government of India if the allocated fund gets exhaust. He further mentioned that all the States need to put a special emphasis on the construction of Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendra (BNRGSK) equipped with e-enabled services.

3. Joint Secretary (NREGA), Government of India: She elaborated the general condition as under:

- a. All States need to send their plan of inclusion for the construction of Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendra immediately.
- b. The second tranche onwards, fund would be released only on the basis of MIS details.
- c. Labour Budget has to be linked to MIS and online progress.
- d. Furnish Plan for staffing in accordance with instruction/guidelines of the Government of India.
- e. Conduct of Social Audit in accordance with laid down norms and guidelines.
- f. Putting in place the institution of Ombudsman in every district this year by the earliest.

The above-mentioned general conditions were also endorsed by AS&FA and Secretary, Rural Development, Government of India.

The State wise Labour Budget discussions are as under:

### **Assam**

4. The Labour Budget for the State of Assam was presented by Principal Secretary, Rural Development, Government of Assam. He mentioned about the issue of delay in fund release. Regarding BNRGSK, he mentioned that during 2010-11, 320 BNRGSK will be constructed.

5. The Labour Budget for the State of Assam was approved, during 2010-11, 23 lakh HHs would be provided employment, 989.51 lakh persondays would be generated and the total estimate of the labour budget would be of Rs 174819.00 lakh.

6. The State was suggested to submit month wise and district wise projection of household. The district wise /GP wise Labour Budget to be available on the MIS (100 %) and the second tranche of funds would be released based on the MIS expenditure.

### **Goa**

7. The Labour Budget for the State of Goa was presented by Joint Secretary, Rural Development, Government of Goa. The labour budget projection was found to be unrealistic and the State was requested to revise the budget under the guidance of the Official of the Government of India. Accordingly, after the meeting of the Empowered Committee the representative was adequately briefed on the different parameters of the Labour Budget preparation and the representative of the State assured of submission of the Labour Budget within a fortnight.

8. AS&FA suggested that all pending issues of SGRY need to be settled within six months. It was also stated that the second installment under the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA would be released only after the revision of LB and on actual performance.

### **Haryana**

9. The Labour Budget for the State of Haryana was presented by Director, Rural Development, Government of Haryana. The projections made under the Labour budget was found to be unrealistic and there was wide difference between 2009-10 achievements and projections for 2010-11 i.e. the total expenditure during 2009-10 till February was Rs 9427.17 lakh for 2010-11 the State projected Rs 21461.43 lakh.

10. AS&FA suggested to moderate the projections and also suggested if required then State can approach Government of India for additional funds in the month of October.

11. Joint Secretary (NREGA) stated that any increase in the budget should be based on formula.

12. It was decided that State of Haryana would review the labour budget's projections.

### **Himachal Pradesh**

13. The presentation of the Labour Budget for the State of Himachal Pradesh was made by the Special Secretary and Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj and proposed 7.68 lakh households, 492 lakh persondays, Rs. 185 cost per day and a total of Rs. 91020.00 lakh as the labour budget.

14. The empowered committee agreed upon a budget of Rs. 90991.00 lakh. The persondays would be 425.16 lakh and 5.70 lakh households would be provided employment.

15. Secretary, Rural Development, Government of India made following observations:

- Convergence works are of importance especially in mountainous areas like Himachal Pradesh and the state must take advantage of the same. Horticulture, floriculture and fruits like apples orchards along with waterworks are avenues of focus for convergence in the State.
- Funds will be released in 2 tranches therefore the projections made must be very realistic.
- MIS must be in place before the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche and it is expected by the state to submit their second tranche requirements online.

## **Karnataka**

16. The presentation for the labour budget for the State of Karnataka was made by the Principal Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Government of Karnataka. He briefly described the achievement of 2009-10 and the projection for the next financial year. He mentioned that in comparison to 2009-10 during 2010-11 there will be an increase of 30% in HHs that will be provided employment. He also mentioned that the increase of 30% in HHs is primarily due to the increase in number of job seekers. He further mentioned that during 2009-10 the third phase districts performance was low and it is likely to increase during 2010-11. He also mentioned that the labour budgets are approved by Gram Sabha and said that it is very difficult to upload the proceedings of the Gram Sabha on the website because of its volume.

17. AS&FA mentioned about the report of the Audit party for the districts of Tumkur and Gulbarga however, it was decided that it would be discussed separately. He also wanted to know the progress of the Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendra (BNRGSK). The Principal Secretary RD&PR, mentioned that most of the Panchayats have their own building and wherever it is not available the State Government is in process of providing Panchayats Bhawan. JS&FA making a clarification between the existing Panchayat Bhawans and BNRGSK stated that the purposes of both is different, BNRGSK is primarily meant to provide e-enabled services at Panchayat level and it will not be managed by Panchayats but by independent agency.

18. Secretary Rural Development, Government of India on the basis of the projection in the labour budget asked about the peak working season, the Principal Secretary RD&PR mentioned that November to March is peak working season.

19. The labour budget for the State of Karnataka was approved, during 2010-11, 40.24 lakh HHs would be provided employment, 3015.78 lakh persondays would be generated and the total estimate of the Labour Budget would be 478133.00 lakh. It was also mentioned that if need be then estimate could be revise according to the demand of work and actual progress.

## **Kerala**

20. The presentation of the Labour Budget for the State of Kerala was made by the Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department, Government of Kerala and mentioned that the estimated Expenditure during 2009-10 is Rs.67430.7 lakh against the actual expenditure of Rs.37832.52 lakh, which is 56.11%. He stated that the shortfall in the expenditure is primarily due to following reasons:

- Conscious decision to discourage material component
- Delay in taking up land development of SF/MF-Only after completing SC/ST land

- Insistence on Watershed Master Plan(446/999 GPs)
- Poor performance of some Districts (Ernakulam, Kottayam,Kannur,Pathanamthitta)
- Delay in release of funds(Average of 35 days in 5 Districts)affected momentum in peak season

21. He further mentioned that the State Government is taking all possible measures to address the delay in release of fund and stated that now it has come down and a pilot project in this regard is in progress in Trichur district. He also mentioned that for effective implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA the recruitment of Joint Programme Coordinators (JPC) and Block Programme Officers (BPO) is in progress (since last month) and till date 8 JPCs and 165 BPOs have been recruited. He also highlighted the important initiatives taken by the State in respect of convergence and stated that cultivation of paddy has increased due to convergence, 100% works are executed by the Gram Panchayats and Forest Department receives fund from Gram Panchayats.

22. Secretary Rural Development, Government of India suggested for the documentation of the practices and to prepare a video that could be shared with other States for replication. In respect of convergence SRD mentioned that it should start from planning and brings other departments into it fold.

23. Joint Secretary (NREGA), Government of India suggested that all GP works need to be linked with labour budget so that progress could be generated automatically.

24. AS&FA mentioned that under the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA there is no provision to reward or provide any incentives to workers and if it is a practice in any State then it requires review. The State of Kerala was suggested to write to Government of India in this regard.

25. Regarding Labour Budget the Principal Secretary, LSGD, Kerala mentioned that estimated employment demand during 2010-11 would be 9.12 lakh, estimated persondays for next year would be 628.74 lakh and estimated expenditure for next year would be Rs 113195.00 lakh. He also mentioned that there would be increase under all heads because efforts would be to provide full employment to Small Farmers/Marginal Farmers, during 2009-10, 3.15 lakh HH were provided only 15 days and during 2010-11 it is planned to provide 60 days, large works- eco-restoration of major rivers would be undertaken, material would be procured and it is expected that expenditure under material component would reach 30%.

26. The labour budget for the State of Kerala was approved with a review of incentives approach.

## **Maharashtra**

27. The presentation of the labour Budget for the State of Maharashtra was made by the Secretary RD, Government of Maharashtra. He mentioned that moderate work is under progress and stated there would be quantum jump in the budget because of the revision of the wage rate i.e. from Rs 66 to Rs 100. He also mentioned that no EGS work is in progress only Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. Regarding the society for State fund he mentioned that it has not yet been registered.

28. Joint Secretary (NREGA), Government of India stated that there is a need for moderation in the labour budget and it needs to be brought down and suggested to revisit the labour budget of the districts where projections are quite high e.g. Latur, Jagaon, Nagpur, Ratnagiri, Sangli, Satara, Jalna, Sindudurg and Solhapur. Accordingly, total expenditure would be changed and also suggested that an officer from the State may sit with the official of the MoRD for necessary revision. It was also suggested to submit month wise district wise projection. However, Secretary, Government of Maharashtra rang up Joint Director (NREGA) after two days of the meeting that they are collecting the revised information from the field and would be submitting the same within ten days.

29. AS&FA emphasized that in tribal districts like Chandrachur, Ahmednagar, Dhule, Gondia, Gadchiroli and Thane the BPL family should be considered and he also suggested for modification in the list of BPL family.

30. Secretary Rural Development, Government of India suggested to take special effort for training in tribal district and also suggested that the SHG may be trained for measurement and stated that that it would lead to development of tribal people and also the overall development of the area.

31. The Secretary Rural Development, Government of Maharashtra highlighted the issue related with the release of funds and mentioned about the pending of SGRY liabilities. It was clarified to them that these pending liabilities are to be met in accordance with guidelines of the Ministry issued time and again on transitional matter. Accordingly, it directed that the SGRY unspent funds should be transferred to Mahatma Gandhi NREGA.

### **Mizoram**

32. The presentation of the Labour Budget for the State of Mizoram was made by the Secretary, Rural Development and proposed 1.75 lakh households, 174.67 lakh persondays, Rs. 194.34 cost per day and a total of Rs. 33945.00 lakh as the labour budget.

33. The empowered committee approved of the same. Cap cost for the State (Minimum Notified wage Rs. 110) Rs. 194

34. Secretary, Rural Development, Government of India made a few observations:

- The State of Mizoram had an ambitious program of converting jhum lands into sustainable agricultural areas and the convergence work with regards to bamboo plantations and amount of jhum lands converted for sustainable agricultural purposes was commendable.
- At the time of fund release issues like uniformity of persondays through the year will be raised when an explanation is absent.
- MIS must be in place before the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche and it is expected by the state to submit their second tranche requirements online.

### **Tripura**

35. The presentation of the Labour Budget for the State of Tripura was made by the Principal Secretary, Rural Development, Government of Tripura.

36. The labour budget for the State of Tripura was approved, during 2010-11, 5.93 lakh HHs would be provided employment, 529.60 lakh persondays would be generated and the total estimate for the Labour Budget would be Rs 104934.00 lakh. The State was suggested to submit month wise and district wise projection.

### **Meghalaya**

37. The Labour Budget for the State of Meghalaya was presented by the IT manager, NREGA Cell, Government of Meghalaya. The Secretary, Rural Development, Government of India, advised the state government to look into the cause of water crisis problem of Cherapunji despite the place receives one of the highest rainfalls in the country.

38. The Labour Budget for Meghalaya was approved, during 2010-11, 3.74 lakh HHs would be provided employment, 246.8 persondays would be generated and the total estimate of Labour Budget will be Rs 39552.00 lakh.

39. After the presentation following decisions were taken:

1. Government of Meghalaya was directed to create State Fund.
2. District wise /GP wise LB should be on the MIS (100 %).
3. Second tranche of funds would be released based on the MIS expenditure.

### **Tamil Nadu**

40. The Labour Budget for the State of Tamil Nadu was presented by the Commissioner, Rural Development Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Government of Tamil Nadu.

41. The Labour Budget for the State of Tamil Nadu was approved, during 2010-11, 522.29 lakh HHs would be provided employment, 2684.45 persondays would be generated and the total estimate of Labour Budget will be Rs 268464.00 lakh.

The state was requested to submit its action plan for construction of Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Seva Kendra (BNRGSK) building.

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### **Andhra Pradesh**

42. The Labour Budget for the State of Andhra Pradesh was presented by the Principal Secretary, Rural Development Government of Andhra Pradesh. He mentioned that the State Government is committed to take up five thousand BNRGSK for which it was agreed to provide an additional enhancement of labour budget by Rs.500 crores.

43. The Labour Budget for the State of Andhra Pradesh was approved, during 2010-11, 61.99 lakh HHs would be provided employment, 4447 lakh personsdays would be generated and the total estimate for the Labour Budget would be Rs 626190.00 lakh.

### **Bihar**

44. The Labour Budget for the State of Bihar was presented by the Joint Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Government of Bihar

45. Joint Secretary (NREGA), Government of India mentioned that the Government of Bihar should give emphasis on filling up the required strength of dedicated staff.

46. The Labour Budget for the State of Bihar was approved, during 2010-11, 50 lakh HHs would be provided employment, 2500 lakh personsdays would be generated and the total estimate of the labour budget would be Rs 441667.00 lakh.

47. Secretary, Rural Development, Government of India suggested to prepare proper work plan (dewatering plan) in event of floods. He emphasised that the lower caste and the most vulnerable communities should be essentially covered.

48. After presentation of LB the following directions were given.

- 1) Month wise district wise projection to be submitted by Government of Bihar
- 2) District wise /GP wise LB should be on the MIS (100 %).
- 3) Second tranche of funds would be released based on the MIS expenditure.

### **Dadra and Nagar Haveli**

49. The presentation of the Labour Budget was made by Programme Officer, Sivassa. The State was suggested to make the MIS functional.

50. The labour budget for the Dadra and Nagar Haveli was approved, during 2010-11, 1.60 lakh HH would be provided employment, 6.42 lakh personsdays would be generated and the total estimate of the labour budget would be Rs 295.00 lakh. Dadra and Nagar Haveli was suggested to submit month wise and district wise projection.

### **Gujarat**



51. The presentation of the Labour Budget for the State of Gujarat was made by the Principal Secretary, Government of Gujarat and proposed 17.67 lakh households, 899.37 lakh persondays, Rs. 109.52 cost per day and a total of Rs. 98,495.71 lakhs as the labour budget.

52. The empowered committee agreed and approved to 17.67 lakh households, 899.37 lakh persondays, cost per day Rs. 145 and a labour budget of Rs. 146821.00 lakh. Cap cost for the State (Minimum Notified wage: Rs. 100): RS. 176.67

53. Secretary, Rural Development, Government of India suggested that MIS must be in place before the release of second tranche and it is expected by the state to submit their second tranche requirements online.

54. Principal Secretary, Government of Gujarat, mentioned that the ombudsman process has begun and advertisements have been republished. Staffing is satisfactory except for accountants and MIS gap has been reduced to 25%. The State of Gujarat was suggested to submit month wise and district wise projection.

### **Madhya Pradesh**

55. The presentation of the Labour Budget for the State of Madhya Pradesh was made by the Principal Secretary, Rural Development, Government of Madhya Pradesh.

56. The labour budget for the State of Madhya Pradesh was approved, during 2010-11, 48.27 lakh HHs would be provided employment, 3499.5 lakh persondays would be generated and the total estimate of the labour budget would be Rs 615907.00 lakh. It was also decided that the State Government will review their proposal for inter district allocation of the labour budget. The State also agreed to take up two thousand Bharat Nirman Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendra (BNRGSK) during the financial year 2010-11. It was stated that the engagement of Ombudsman is under process and will be completed soon. The State also committed to strengthen their MIS so that the reporting of all information is done only through MIS. The State of Madhya Pradesh was suggested to submit month wise and district wise projection.

### **Punjab**

57. The presentation of the Labour Budget was made by the Financial Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats. It was proposed that during 2010-11 6.76 lakh HHs would be provided employment and 671.31 lakh persondays would be generated. However, the proposed Labour Budget was found to be unrealistic and was suggested to revise the labour budget. 120 lakh persondays was approved by the empowered committee. It was also suggested that the State Government may approach the Government of India for release of fund in the month of October on the basis of actual performance. The empowered committee approved the labour budget of Rs 21200.00 lakh.

58. The Financial Commissioner and Secretary, Government of Punjab mentioned that Member Secretary is an authorized signatory for the withdrawal of fund from the State Fund.

59. Secretary Rural Development, Government of India suggested to revise the Labour Budget and manage the State fund properly. The State of Punjab was suggested to submit month wise and district wise projection.

## **Sikkim**

60. The presentation of the Labour Budget for the State of Sikkim was made by the Additional Secretary, Government of Sikkim and proposed 0.61 lakh households, 55.80 lakh persondays, Rs. 160.2 cost per day and a total of Rs. 8933.00 lakhs as the labour budget.

61. The empowered committee agreed and approved of the same. It was also mentioned that Ombudsman has been empanelled and MIS has a high level of completion.

62. Secretary, Rural Development, Government of India made following observations:

- Role of Lepchhas in the area was important and should be examined further
- As Sikkim was such a good case of program implementation, a record in pictures and films should be maintained for best practice show casing.
- MIS must be in place before the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche and it is expected by the state to submit their second tranche requirements online.
- Cap cost for the State (Minimum Notified wage: Rs. 100): RS. 176.67

## **Nagaland**

63. The presentation of the Labour Budget for the State of Nagaland was made by the Joint Secretary, Rural Development, Government of Nagaland.

64. The labour budget of the State of Nagaland was approved. During 2010-11, 3.36 lakh HH would be provided employment, 335.60 lakh persondays would be generated and the total estimate of the Labour Budget would be Rs 55937.00 lakh.

## **Jharkhand**

66. The Labour Budget for the State of Jharkhand was presented by Commissioner, NREGA Jharkhand, he emphasized on construction of 1 lakh ponds during 2010-11. He also mentioned that 90% of the Households covered under category IV works would have one water conservation structure in their individual farm lands. Regarding BNRGSK he mentioned that 2168 BNRGSK at GP level would be constructed during 2010-11.

67. Secretary, Rural Development, Government of India mentioned that there is lot of scope for horticulture plantation in Jharkhand. He also emphasized on the quality of grafts to be used. He advised that women SHG should be formed and the saplings may be provided to them. He also suggested to take up small culverts for rural connectivity. Raising his concern about the functioning of Block and Gram Panchayats he stated that reorganization of block/GP is needed.

68. The Labour Budget for the State of Jharkhand was approved, during 2010-11, 23 lakh HHs would be provided employment, 1380 persondays would be generated and the total estimate of

the Labour Budget would be Rs 227700 lakh. The State of Jharkhand was suggested to submit month wise and district wise projection.

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### **Jammu and Kashmir**

69. The presentation of the Labour Budget for the State of Jammu and Kashmir was made by the Secretary, Rural Development Government of Jammu and Kashmir and proposed 4.6 lakh households, 353.98 lakh persondays, Rs. 184.6 cost per day and a total of Rs. 653.58 crore as the labour budget.

70. The empowered committee approved and agreed to 4.5 lakh households, 270 lakh persondays, Rs. 184.6 cost per day and Rs. 49842.00 lakhs as the labour budget.

71. Secretary, Rural Development, Government of India made following observations:

- The efficiency of the program in Srinagar as it was an urban area and has very high minimum wages.
- He advised the state to choose and focus on works like water conservation, terracing and rural connectivity.
- For convergence works he advised the state to take apple orchards into consideration, while commenting on the need for new genetic strains.
- MIS must be in place before the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche and it is expected by the state to submit their second tranche requirements online.
- The State of Jammu and Kashmir was suggested to submit month wise and district wise projection.

72. Cap cost for the State (Minimum Notified wage: Rs. 100) Rs. 176.67. Ombudsman has not yet been appointed, MIS is poor in certain areas due to infrastructural problems and staffing is a challenge.

### **Orissa**

73. The presentation of the Labour Budget was made by the Director Special Project Orissa, he mentioned that emphasis would be given this year for dedicated staff for Mahatma Gandhi NREGA specially TA. He also mentioned that top priority would be accorded to BC model for timely wage disbursement. Regarding BNRGSK, 6234 BNRGSK at GP level and 314 at block level would be taken up this year

74. The Labour Budget for Orissa was approved, during 2010-11 20 lakh HHs would be provided employment, 1200 lakh persondays would be generated and the total estimate of the Labour Budget will be Rs 190800 lakh.

75. After the presentation following decisions were taken:

- 1) Month wise district wise projection to be submitted by Government of Orissa
- 2) District wise /GP wise LB should be on the MIS (100 %)
- 3) Second tranche of funds would be released based on the MIS expenditure.

## **Rajasthan**

76. The presentation of the Labour Budget was made by Additional Commissioner, NREGA Rajasthan.

77. The Labour Budget for Rajasthan was approved, during 2010-11 74.98 lakh HHs would be provided employment, 6048.03 lakh persondays would be generated and the total estimate of the Labour Budget would be Rs 996057.00 lakh.

78. Following suggestions were made to the State of Rajasthan

1. District wise /GP wise LB should be on the MIS (100 %)
2. Second tranche of funds would be released based on the MIS expenditure
3. The State of Rajasthan was suggested to submit month wise and district wise projection.

## **Uttar Pradesh**

79. The presentation of the Labour Budget was made by Additional Commissioner, Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Uttar Pradesh and mentioned that the State Government is giving emphasis to have dedicated staff for NREGA. He also mentioned that emphasis is also being given on training and capacity building. Regarding BNRGSK he mentioned that 2500 BNRGSK at GP level would be constructed during 2010-2011. He further mentioned that mate system based on Rajasthan model by giving special emphasis on women mate would be strengthened

80. Joint Secretary (NREGA), Government of India emphasized on the implementation of Bundelkhand Plan and funds transferred from state to district should be reflected on the MIS. She also mentioned that funds under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA should not go directly to the line department at state level.

81. The Labour Budget for Uttar Pradesh was approved, during 2010-11 68.6 lakh HHs would be provided employment, 5350.8 lakh persondays would be generated and the total estimate of Labour Budget would be Rs 877904.00 lakh.

82. Following suggestions were given to the State of Uttar Pradesh.

- 1) Month wise and district wise projection to be submitted by Government of Uttar Pradesh
- 2) District wise /GP wise LB should be on the MIS (100 %)
- 3) Second tranche of funds would be released based on the MIS expenditure.

### **Uttarakhand**

83. The presentation of the Labour Budget for the State of Uttarakhand was made by the Co-ordinator, Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, Government of Uttarakhand and proposed 5.47 lakh households, 216.69 lakh persondays, Rs. 147.59 cost per day and a total of Rs. 31,981.54 lakhs as the labour budget.

84. The empowered committee approved and agreed to 5.47 lakh households, 216.69 lakh persondays, Rs. 176.67 cost per day and a total of Rs. 38282.00 lakhs as the labour budget.

85. Secretary, Rural Development, Government of India observed that Uttarakhand lacks skilled manpower and implementation suffers due to the same. He advised the state to create state and district fund accounts so that non performing districts could be viewed in a transparent manner. He also noted that the labour budget is an estimate only of cost to be incurred on Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. Fund releases will be subject to the actual performance by the State. MIS must be in place before the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche and it is expected by the state to submit their second tranche requirements online.

86. Co-ordinator, Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, Government of Uttarakhand mentioned that the cap cost for the State (Minimum Notified wage: Rs. 100) Rs. 176.67. He also mentioned that Ombudsman has not yet been appointed, MIS is poor in certain areas due to infrastructural problems and staffing is a challenge. The State of Uttarakhand was suggested to submit month wise and district wise projection.

### **Chhattisgarh**

87. The presentation of the Labour Budget for the State of Chhattisgarh was made by the representative of the Government of Chhattisgarh.

88. The empowered committee approved a total of Rs. 229043.00 lakh as the labour budget for 2010-11. The State of Chhattisgarh was suggested to submit month wise and district wise projection.

### **West Bengal**

89. The presentation of the Labour Budget for the State of West Bengal was made by the representative of the Government of Chhattisgarh.

90. The empowered committee approved a total of Rs. 267346.00 lakh as the labour budget for 2010-11. The State of West Bengal was suggested to submit month wise and district wise projection.

## **Arunachal Pradesh**

91. The State of Arunachal Pradesh had requested the Government of India to postpone their labour presentation sometime in the month of April and same was agreed to by the Empowered Committee.

### **Following States and UTs did not attend the Empowered Committee Meeting:**

- a. Manipur
- b. Andaman and Nicobar Island
- c. Lakshadweep
- d. Puducherry