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Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development
(Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Division)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated: 29th December, 2014.

To
The Spl CSs/Pri Secretaries/Secretaries of Rural Development (MGNREGS)

Subject: Plantation and maintenance of trees producing oilseeds- regarding

Sir/Madam,

One of the approved works as per the revised Schedule-I, Para 4 (1) of the MGNREGA is " Afforestation, tree plantation, and horticulture in common and forest lands, road margins, canal bunds, tank foreshores and coastal belts duly providing right to usufruct to the households covered in Paragraph 5"

2. Ministry of Agriculture has identified & recommended 11 major tree borne oilseeds (TBOs), namely, Simarouba, Mahua, Cheura, Kokum, Olive, Neem, Jatropha, Jajoba, Tung, Wild Apricot and Karanja. The plantation of these trees can be taken up on wastelands degraded forest lands.

3. In addition to reduction of dependence on imports of oil, increasing green cover and reclaiming degraded lands, this intervention would also help in improving the livelihoods of the scheduled tribes, who are traditionally engaged in collecting tree borne oilseeds to supplement their income.

4. It is advised that the plantation and maintenance of these tree species may be taken up under MGNREGA as per MGNREGA processes, looking at the suitability of the species to the selected area & availability of forward linkages i.e. processing, market of oil seed etc. For technical and other guidance on plantation & maintenance of these tree species & availability of forward linkage, local agriculture or forest department may be contacted.

5. All the States are requested to communicate these advisory to all their field functionaries for ensuring plantation of these species of trees and work out local action plans.

Yours faithfully


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Copy to: i) The Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, Krishi Bhavan, New- Delhi in reference to his D.O. letter No. 2-2/2014-TBO/OS, dated 12th December, 2014, for information.
ii) PPS to Secretary, RD/ PPS to Special Secretary, RD/ PPS to JS (RE-I)/PS to JS (RE-II) **iii)** Sr Tech Director NIC, MORD- for placing in Ministry's website