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PANCHAYATI RAJ & DRINKING WATER DEPARTMENT
RESOLUTION

The 19th March, 2018

Sub: Scheme for absorption of Grama Panchayat Technical Assistants working under MGNREGS as Junior Engineers in Odisha Diploma Engineers' Service of Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department.

On launching of National Food For Work Programme (NFFWP) in the State, which was a centrally sponsored scheme, initially 199 diploma engineers were engaged/deployed under the Scheme on contractual basis. Subsequently, this scheme was merged with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and the same diploma engineers have been re-designated as Grama Panchayat Technical Assistant (GPTA) and the sanctioned strength raised to 1845 nos. The GPTAs are now working in different Blocks in the State on contractual basis under this Department out of the State panel of the diploma engineers maintained by the Engineer-in-Chief (Civil), Odisha. Since their engagement, they are working in different Blocks for proper implementation of MGNREGS executed at Block and Grama Panchayat level.

2. Keeping in view the services they are rendering for the State, the Government in erstwhile Panchayati Raj Department, now Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department had taken a policy decision vide Resolution No-30500, dated the 26th December, 2013 to absorb the GPTAs in regular cadre following due procedure.

3. Most of the GPTAs have been engaged prior to the coming into force of the Odisha Diploma Engineers' Service (Methods of Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2012.

4. They have been engaged under the Scheme following the provisions of the Odisha Reservation in vacancies in posts and services (for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Act, 1975 and rules framed thereunder.

5. Now, in pursuance of the decision of the Cabinet taken in its 54th meeting held on 14th March, 2018, Government, after careful consideration, have been pleased to decide to bring over the eligible Grama Panchayat Technical Assistants to regular establishment against the existing vacant posts of Junior Engineer in the Diploma Engineers' Service Cadre of Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department in the following manner in relaxation of the provision of Odisha Diploma Engineers' Service (Methods of Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2012.

- (I) The Grama Panchayat Technical Assistants shall be brought over to the cadre of Odisha Diploma Engineers' Service of Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department and absorbed as Junior Engineers in phased manner subject to satisfactory completion of six years of continuous service, good service track record and availability of vacancy in the post of Junior Engineer in the category to which they belong as per the reservation status of the vacant post.
- (II) Their regular service shall be reckoned from the date they are brought over to the Odisha Diploma Engineers' Service Cadre of the Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.
- (III) On absorption of these Grama Panchayat Technical Assistants in the Odisha Diploma Engineers' Service cadre of the Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department, they will be designated as Junior Engineer and will be placed below the existing Junior Engineers of the Cadre.
- (IV) The *inter se* seniority of these Junior Engineers in the Cadre shall be decided as per their position in the select list of diploma engineers maintained by the E.I.C (Civil), Odisha.

6. This has been concurred in by the G.A & P.G Department, Law Department vide their UOR No-258/GAD., dated the 31st July, 2017 and No.1525/L., dated the 31st July, 2017 respectively and Noting-12, dated the 24th November, 2017 of Finance Department in OSWAS file No-PR-ENGG-ESTT-0137-2017.

This Resolution shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

ORDER

Ordered that the resolution be published in the Extraordinary Issue of the *Odisha Gazette* and copy of the same be forwarded to the A.G (A & E) Odisha, Bhubaneswar/ Senior D.A.G (Works) Odisha,Puri/ all Departments of Government/ all Heads of Departments/ Secretary, Odisha Public Service Commission, Cuttack/ Secretary, Odisha Staff Selection Commission, Bhubaneswar/ all Collectors/ all Project Director, DRDAs/ all B.D.Os.

By Order of the Governor

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