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CHIEF MINISTER  
ANDHRA PRADESH

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*Respected Sri Manmohan Singh,*

I write this letter requesting compliance to the orders of Hon High Court of AP in W.P. No. 11848/2009 which suspended the operation of Section 6(1) of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Guarantee Act which proposed to fix a different (and lesser) wage rate for works under MGNREGA compared to the Minimum Wages Act. The Order of the High Court was that Government being the agency for implementing minimum wages, cannot itself violate the minimum wages.

This order of the Hon High Court was pronounced on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009. Since the main actor to decide on the issue was Government of India, being the Agency to pay wages as per Section 22 (1) (a) of MGNREG Act, the orders of the High Court of AP were conveyed to the Ministry of Rural Development vide our letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> August 2009. Ministry of Rural Development did not challenge the order in higher courts and therefore, the orders of the High Court have become final. Non compliance of the orders which have become final would apart from inviting contempt of courts, cause embarrassment to the Government.

In this context, I request that a decision may be taken expeditiously in the Ministry for Rural Development for paying the differential of the wages paid since 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009 to the wage-seekers. The financial implications for the wages paid in the State of AP since 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009 is estimated at Rs. 1000 Cr. Needless to say, this amount will need to be released over and above the Labour Budget approved for the State; and the Labour Budget itself may be revised based on the revised calculation.

I will wait for your favorable decision in the matter.

*With high regards*

Yours sincerely,

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