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Prof. Ashok Pankaj

Director

Sub: Invitation to be the State Coordinator & lead Researcher (J&K) for the NIRD-MoRD research project “**A DECADE OF MGNREGA: PARTICIPATORY ASSESSMENTS AND WAY FORWARD**”.

Dear Dr. Khan

The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), GoI, through the National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad, has launched an all India study on MGNREGA, titled “**A Decade of MGNREGA: Participatory Assessments and Way Forward**”. This project is a comprehensive and nation-wide research program designed to evaluate the decade long implementation of MGNREGA on agro-climatic zone basis and to draw insights that can have policy implications for paving the way forward. NIRD has associated the Council for Social Development (CSD), New Delhi as a partner institution. Jammu & Kashmir is one of the states selected for the study.

Since the Council does not have its office in J&K, and in any case for many of our all India studies, we associate scholars located in a particular state, we would like to associate you as **State Coordinator** for this very important research project that aims to evaluate the impact of MGNREGA on Wage Employment & Sustainable Rural Livelihoods in J&K. Your background in Economics with specialisation in labour issues will be of immense help to this research. As State Coordinator, you will work in consultation with Dr. Mondira Bhattacharya, who is coordinating the study with all the State teams. You will be required to conduct the research in the 8 selected districts of J&K. This would include undertaking social and resource mapping of identified Gram Panchayats, Focus Group Discussions with various stake holders, questionnaire based household surveys as well as collection of village level secondary data on crop statistics and rural infrastructure. In this regard you will be required to liaise with district and block level officers as well as village level Panchayat members. You may hire 2 reliable field investigators to help you with field work. At the end of the exercise you will organize data cleaning and data entry exercise, share all the data with us and also undertake report writing in collaboration with us.

In this regard, the Director General of NIRD has already written to the Principal Secretary, Rural Development, Government of J&K. Each district administration will provide logistical support for the exercise. The letter is attached.

In this connection I would request you to come to CSD, New Delhi for a **training programme** to be held on the 8th and 9th March, 2018. I shall be present during the programme and would be delighted to meet you.

With thanks and regards,

Yours sincerely,



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