

**Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on 17.11.08 at 3:00 PM at E-Governance Hall of DIT, New Delhi on MIS operationalization and ICT Infrastructure under NREGA.**

**Participants:**

- 1) Sri. R. Chandra Shekhar, Special Secretary, Department of IT, GOI
- 2) Dr. B.K. Gairola, DG, NIC
- 3) Smt. Amita Sharma, Joint Secretary (NREGA), Department of Rural Development, GOI
- 4) Sri Y.K. Sharma, DDG, NIC
- 5) Smt. Madhuri Sharma, Director (NIC), MoRD, GOI.

A brief presentation was made on NREGA status, action taken on the decisions taken in the first meeting of the Central Working Group which was held on 29.9.08 and critical issues specially those pertaining to ICT.

Later on a presentation was also made by the Andhra Pradesh State Government on the proposed model for the use of Smart cards as Job cards under NREGA.

2. Based on preliminary remarks and issues highlighted the following decisions were taken:

**Issues discussed and decisions taken:**

**1. ICT in Gram Panchayats**

It was submitted that a meeting would be held to dovetail ICT plan of MoPRIs and NREGA to provide connectivity up to Gram Panchayat (GP). SS, DIT suggested some body from the DIT will also attend the meeting to assist in the connectivity issues at GP Level.

**2. Database of ICT in Gram Panchayats**

It was also decided that MoPRI will share the database about the availability of computers State-wise at GP level.

**3. Technical Group to provide technical Support**

It was agreed to set up a Group consisting of the representatives of Department of Rural Development, NIC, Department of I.T. and one from each State.

The group will assist Ministry of Rural Development on technical matters relating to preparing standard documents, advising models for the IT innovative projects.

This group will also study the proposals for the pilot projects from State Governments and give suggestions. It will assist in formulation, implementation and monitoring of the pilot projects under NREGA, such as use of Smart Card, modern instruments for measurement and uploading and GIS.