

'Provide jobs to card holders under MNREGA'

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Officials told not to delay drought relief works in villages

District in-charge Secretary Manjunath Prasad has instructed the district administration to provide jobs to every one with a job card under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA).

Attending a drought review meeting here on Friday, he said that the State government had liberalised norms to help officers take up drought relief works. The officials should not delay taking up drought relief works in rural areas, Mr. Prasad said.

As many as 300 works had been taken up in 136 gram panchayats under MNREGA and jobs had been provided to 15,800 card holders. The works include dredging of tanks, construction of roads, development of play grounds in rural areas and levelling of farm land. "As many as 19 technical staff have been deputed to supervise the works and private contractors have been hired to complete the works in time," he said. Four goshalas had been opened in Challakere and three in Molkalmuru.

Control rooms had been opened in taluks to address drinking water problems.

Chitradurga Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Nitesh Patel said that 655 drinking water works had been taken up and Rs. 112 crore was required to complete them. The zilla panchayat had released Rs. 50 crore.

Deputy Commissioner M.K. Srirangaiah said that the State government had released Rs. 2.5 crore and steps had been taken to release Rs. 50 lakh each to five taluks in the district to solve drinking water problems.

Separate teams had been formed in taluks to monitor the situation and officials had been instructed to respond immediately to people's problems.

Additional Deputy Commissioner P.N. Ravindra, Assistant Commissioner T. Raghavendra and district and taluk-level officers were present at the meeting.