Dear

I invite your attention to the new guidelines issued for the implementation of the restructured MsDP during the 12th Plan. Apart from others, one of the major changes brought in the new guideline concerns the engagement of Block Level Facilitators (BLFs) in each of the Blocks identified as Minority Concentration Block (MCB) for implementation of MsDP during 12th Plan.

2. The guideline (para 14) provides for engaging BLFs on contractual basis to function as a bridge between the minority communities and the Government programmes. The BLFs would be paid monthly remuneration of Rs.10,000/- to Rs. 15,000/- and a maximum of Rs. 5,000/- per month can be provided for TA/DA/other expenses for his operation and functions from the administrative cost of the programme. The Facilitator should be a graduate with preferably two years experience of working in social sector. The State Govts./UTs Admin. are expected to fix the detailed qualification for the BLFs like the age, languages known, place of residence any other special qualification etc subject to the broad parameters given in the guidelines. The terms and conditions of the contractual service would also be prescribed by the State/UT, similar to the similarly placed contractual persons in the State concern.

3. It would be desirable to put the BLFs in place at the earliest. Considering the provisions in the guidelines in MsDP, you are requested to take following steps at the earliest:

- The detailed qualification and eligibility for the Facilitators should be fixed by the State/UT at the earliest. Also the terms and conditions of the contractual service including the monthly remuneration should also be fixed simultaneously.
- A proposal may be than sent to this Ministry for release of the Administrative cost of engaging Block Level Facilitators for the identified Blocks alongwith the finalised qualification and eligibility criteria as well as terms and conditions of the contract.
- On release of the administrative cost fund, the selection of BLFs may be done through a transparent process by giving an open advertisement in the Newspapers, specially in the local area of the MCBs. Selection of BLFs may be done by a committee headed by the District Collector/Deputy Commissioner.
- The list of BLFs finally selected should be sent to this Ministry for information.

4. Considering the importance of this subject, I would request to take urgent action in this aspect.

5. This has the approval of Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs.

Yours sincerely,

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