To,
The Principal Secretary/Secretary/Commissioner,
Dealing with Minority Development Department,
Government of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Manipur, Mizoram, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Tripura, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Delhi, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Punjab, Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar.

Subject: Abstract of Estimated Cost

Sir,

Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) is under implementation since 2008 and infrastructural projects related to the socio-economic development of the minority communities are sanctioned under the scheme. Some of the assets undertaken by MsDP are sanctioned by other Ministries also like IAY, AWC, and the unit cost of the assets are determined by them. In such cases, the Empowered Committee adopts the same unit cost for sanction under MsDP. In some other cases like school buildings, Health Sub-Centers, etc. the EC depends upon the unit cost fixed by the State. However, there are a number of big projects like ITI, Hostel costing more than Rs. 50 lakh but having no unit cost fixed by the State. In such cases it becomes difficult to assess the correctness of the estimated cost.

2. In view of above, States/UTs are requested to furnish the abstract/summary of the estimated cost for the projects if the project cost is Rs.50 lakh or more and there is no unit cost fixed for that project. In the abstract, the State will give all the major components of the work and its cost. For civil work plinth area and cost of the construction per sq. ft. must be mentioned. This information should be sent along with the project proposal in format of Appendix II of Revised Guidelines of MsDP. This would facilitate in assessing the cost of the assets and approval of the project.

3. During the meeting of Empowered Committee, the technical officer who would prepare the estimate of their projects should also be present physically or on video.

4. Further, where the unit cost of an asset has been determined by the States/UTs on a particular design/type, the design map should also be made available to the Ministry along with the proposal.

Yours faithfully

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