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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of Empowered Committee on Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram held at 9.00 AM on 24th of August, 2018 under Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of Empowered Committee on Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram held at 9.00 AM on 24th of August, 2018 under Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs for information and necessary action.

2. This issues with the approval of Secretary, Minority Affairs.

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4. Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi.
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6. Secretary, Department of Drinking Water Supply, CGO Complex, New Delhi.
7. Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
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PRADHAN MANTRI JAN VIKAS KARYAKRAM(PMJVK)

MINUTES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF EMPOWERED COMMITTEE (EC) HELD ON 24th AUGUST, 2018 AT 9.00 AM TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROJECTS UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI JAN VIKAS KARYAKRAM (PMJVK)

The 2nd meeting of Empowered Committee (EC) for Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram was held on 24.08.2018 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs to consider the project proposals in identified Minority Concentration Areas received from the State Governments of Assam, Karnataka, Tripura, Telangana, Punjab and Rajasthan.

2. The meeting was attended by representative of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry Human Resource Development (Higher Education), Ministry of Skill & Entrepreneurship, EdCIL India, Sr. Advisor(Project), NAWADCO and IFD. Director to Govt. of Karnataka was present in the meeting. The representative of State of Rajasthan, Tripura, Telangana Punjab and Assam participated in the meeting through video-conferencing along with their district representatives. The list of the participants is attached.

3. At the outset, Chairman of the Empowered Committee welcomed all the members and State representatives present in meeting. Chairman briefed the committee about the aim and objective of the Karyakaram and observed that the following should be adhered by the stakeholders in implementing the PMJVK scheme:-

i. **Thrust Area of Karyakaram:-** Under PMJVK at least 80% of the resources should be allocated for projects related to education, health and skill development of which at least 33-40% should be specifically allocated for women/girls centric projects.

ii. **Adhering to guidelines and eliminating duplication:** States/UTs should ensure that the proposals sent have the approval of the State Level Committee of PMs 15 Point Programme and Mission Director of Centrally Sponsored Scheme concerned in order to ensure that the proposals are as per the terms of specifications, norms, standards set by the line Ministries/Departments concerned and that duplication has been ruled out. The responsibility for eliminating duplication in terms of work and funding vests with the concerned district authority and the State Government. The States/UTs were advised by the Empowered Committee to ensure that the catchment area of the assets created under PMJVK have substantial minority population. Further the States/UTs would also ensure that the asset proposed are located in the identified Minority Concentration Area and are owned by Govt/Govt body.

iii. **Review meetings of Oversight committee in State and District Level Committees:** The scheme of PMJVK envisages quarterly review meetings by the State and District Level Committees for implementation of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities which also serves as the review committees for PMJVK. Quarterly review meetings for State Level Committee/State Oversight

Committee and District Level Committee should be held and copy of the meeting notice should be sent to the Ministry to enable a representative to attend State Level meetings as envisaged under PMJVK. It should be ensured that Members of Parliament nominated in such Committees are invited to attend the meetings.

iv. **Sample testing and quality control:** Quality control is to be ensured through regular and frequent field visits and by testing samples of the construction work for which funds would be sanctioned by the Ministry as part of the project estimate on receipt of request from the State concerned. All the States/UTs were advised to carry out field visits, quality control tests and review all works under MsDP/PMJVK to ensure that the shortcomings do not take place in their State/UT.

v. **Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) guidelines of other Ministries:** There would be no change in the guidelines of any existing Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for implementation in MCAs under PMJVK. Whenever CSS are sanctioned under PMJVK, it shall be ensured by the Ministry of Minority Affairs as well as the State Govt. that the Ministry/Department concerned in the Centre and State are informed so that the number of units taken up are accounted in their physical register and are also inspected by their officials wherever physical inspections are carried out in the State/UT.

vi. **Timely release of PMJVK funds:** The State should ensure that funds for PMJVK projects are released immediately to the implementing agency along with matching State Share. Parking of PMJVK funds at any level is strictly prohibited. Subsequent instalment of Central Share for the projects may be claimed by State on submission of requisite documents to Ministry as per the guidelines of the Karyakaram.

vii. **Late starting/implementation of PMJVK project liable to cancellation: -** The State/UT should ensure starting and completion of projects within the time line approved by the Empowered Committee. Projects which are not started by State/UT within one year from date of approval/release of funds will be considered for cancellation by the Ministry.

viii. **Extension of time for completion of projects:** Projects which are falling behind completion schedule will be informed by State Government/U.T. Administration to the Ministry for extension of time for completion/re-scheduling completion date.

ix. **Timely Submission of Reports:-** The State Government/UT administration/organization shall submit reports on the progress in respect of each project at the end of the quarter in the proforma of Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) prescribed for this purpose. Signed copy of the QPRs should reach the Additional/Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Minority Affairs within 15 days of the end of the quarter under report.

4. The Chairman observed that Skill, Health and Education being thrust areas, representatives of the lines Ministries/Organizations should attend the meetings of the Empowered Committee. It was observed that the representative from the School Education Department did not attend the meeting.

5. The EC took note of the committed liability under the erstwhile MSDP scheme and fund allocation to each State during the current financial year worked out by the Pre-EC in its meeting. It was informed to the Committee that as per prevailing practice, the Ministry has made a tentative allocation of funds for 2018-19 among the participating States/UTs. The States are required to submit projects proposals for that allocation. The tentative allocation

is subject to revision in the month of October, 2018 depending upon the submission of fresh proposals by the states and liquidation of Utilization Certificates for the funds released by the Ministry in past. The Chairman opined that the EC may consider the committed liability with the State/UTs (as it varies from State to State) and its performance before allocating funds for approval of new projects. To enable the EC to follow such a process, obtaining information and data on the status of ongoing projects, their progress, QPR submissions, matching State Share contributions, etc., shall be clearly brought out in the pre-EC meeting minutes.

5. Consideration of fresh proposals under PMJVK and review of the projects approved under erstwhile MsDP.

A. TELANGANA

5.1 Review of projects approved during 12th Plan & 2017-18

The Empowered Committee reviewed the status of projects sanctioned for identified area of Telangana state during 12th Five Year Plan & 2017-18. The status of utilization of funds released by the Ministry and physical status of the projects along with its commissioning were discussed with the representative of the State Government.

The representative of the State of Telangana informed the EC that the projects sanctioned during 12th Plan period were delayed mainly due to settlement of various issues related with bifurcation of Telangana from Andhra Pradesh. On the query relating to timeline of completion of the projects sanctioned during 12th plan, he informed the committee that the State Government is trying to complete the work by December, 2018. With regards to Residential Schools sanctioned during 12th Plan, the representative informed that construction of all the 7 schools are under progress. He added that the State shall submit the status of the projects and Utilization Certificates by December, 2018.

The Committee then enquired regarding the 6 Residential Schools sanctioned during 2017-18. It was informed that the tendering process shall start by September, 2018 and work is expected to be completed by June, 2019. The Committee directed the State Government to intimate the Ministry in writing about the timelines.

5.2 Fresh Proposals:-

The Committee considered the projects submitted by the State for construction of 10 Residential Schools and 02 Hostels in MCAs of PMJVK. It was observed that the State has furnished the declaration for the projects as per Appendix-II of the guidelines of PMJVK.

The EC related the instant projects with the projects sanctioned to the State during 12th Plan period and 2017-18 and observed that the State should expedite implementation of similar projects approved during aforesaid period. The EC opined that the approval of the projects may be deferred till the State submits the implementation status of the projects sanctioned during 2017-18.

B. ASSAM

5.3 Review of projects approved during 11th Plan, 12th Plan & 2017-18.

The Empowered Committee reviewed the status of projects sanctioned for identified areas of Assam during 11th Plan, 12th Five Year Plan & 2017-18. The Secretary, MoMA noted the absence of Senior Officers of the Department, Govt. of Assam. The Additional Secretary, MA in-charge of PMJVK was advised to confirm the availability of senior officers in future as the proposals can be taken up only with their participation. The Committee observed that there are a number of projects from the 11th plan which has not even started and requested the representative of the State for the reason for delay. The representative of the State informed that few of the projects could not be started due to cost escalation and the State is preparing alternate proposals for those projects. The committee also observed that number of completed projects is very low and there are many projects for which status is not reported. The representative stated that funds could be released by the State Government only in 2016-17, which has caused the delay in the implementation of 12th plan projects. As regards bigger projects like ITI, Polytechnics and Hostels, the State has been directed to submit the status to the Ministry on priority basis.

The Empowered Committee then enquired regarding the 21 Residential Schools approved for Govt. of Assam during 2017-18. The representative informed that land has been acquired for 12 schools and work is to be started by October, 2018. The handing over of land for the remaining 9 schools will be done shortly once the State officers are relieved off their duties related to NRC work.

The Empowered Committee directed the State representative to review the projects sanctioned during the 11th and 12th plan and submit timelines for completion of the projects. State should also submit an action plan for those projects sanctioned in 2017 - 18 which have not started till date. State was directed to submit complete information to this Ministry at the earliest.

5.4 Consideration of fresh proposals/alternate proposals for the year 2018-19.

The EC considered the request of State for dropping of project for construction of 40 Anganwadi Centres approved during the 11th plan and proposal for approval of alternate projects for the dropped units of AWC. It was informed by the State representative that these AWCs are being proposed for dropping because their cost of construction has escalated. It was however observed that there are 487 AWCs where there has not been any progress. Their status of construction is also not known. The reasons for proposing dropping of 40 AWCs, whereas many more are not yet constructed, are not clear. It was observed that location cannot be an issue as AWC can now be constructed within school premises.

The EC considered this proposal in consultation with the representative of Ministry of Women & Child Development. It was informed to the Committee that the Govt. of Assam has not intimated the WCD about non-construction of these units of AWCs. Further it was informed by representative of Ministry of WCD that the MoWCD is planning to extend Crèche facilities in AWCs.

The Committee opined that AWCs are important projects and falls under one of the priority areas of PMJVK. Such assets should not be dropped as the escalation of cost has occurred mainly on account of delay in sanction by the State Govt. and starting construction work. The EC advised State Government to contact the Department of Rural Development in the State and seek convergence with the NREGS scheme or to provide for the increased cost from the State resources to avoid dropping of such important projects. Moreover, the EC observed that the escalation of construction cost should not a reason for dropping of the projects. He referred the provisions of guidelines of erstwhile MsDP and PMJVK wherein it has been mentioned that in case of cost escalation, the State concerned has to bear the burden of escalated amount.

C. TRIPURA

5.5 Review of implementation of projects approved during 12th Plan & 2017-18.

The Empowered Committee reviewed the status of projects sanctioned during 12th Five Year Plan & 2017-18. The Committee observed that there are many projects which are still in progress and desired that timelines for completion of the projects may be intimated to the Ministry. As regards Cybergram, the State representative stated that due to some technical difficulties, the CSC e-governance which is implementing the Scheme could not complete training of all students. However, it will be completed soon.

With respect to submission of Utilization report, the State informed that they are in the process of submission of some Utilization Certificates. The Empowered Committee directed the State representative to submit the updated physical progress of all projects and intimate the timeline for completion of all projects where work is in progress.

5.6 Consideration of fresh projects for 2018-19

It was observed that the State Government has submitted three types of projects viz., Drinking Water Projects, School Buildings and Additional Class Rooms along with declaration of the States in Appendix-II of the guidelines.

As regards Drinking Water projects, the representative of the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation informed the Committee that the Ministry has stopped sanctioning projects for Hand pumps. However, for Deep Tube Wells where there is Drinking pipe water supply system, the State may submit detailed Project Report (DPR) to the Ministry for consideration. The State has been directed to submit the required DPR to the line Ministry after obtaining approval of the State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC) for consideration and approval before it could be placed before the EC.

In respect of the school buildings proposed by the State Government, the Empowered Committee noticed that some the projects are for construction of new building by replacing old buildings. The EC opined that the State Government should submit in writing that the PWD has examined the old building and declared the building unsafe and to be demolished. Further, it was brought to the notice of EC that schools in Rupaichari Block of South Tripura are Private owned Schools. The EC directed the State to ensure that all schools where re-construction is proposed or additional class rooms are proposed should be Government schools and that Madrassas are State recognized.

Further, for all projects including the School Building and ACRs, the State has been directed to submit the exact location/village, percentage of the Minority population in the village and minority population in the catchment area where project is proposed.

D. RAJASTHAN

5.6 Review of implementation of projects approved during 12th Plan & 2017-18.

The Empowered Committee reviewed the status of projects sanctioned for identified area of the Rajasthan during 12th Plan period and 2017-18. It was informed by the State representative that around 75% works sanctioned under PMJVK are in the process of completion. Elaborating the implementation status of different kind of projects, the State representative informed the EC that out of 2 Degree Colleges building sanctioned under erstwhile MsDP, construction of one has been completed and construction of other is also in the final stages. He added that construction of 02 Sadbhav Mandap sanctioned during 12th Plan are also at advance stage and it is expected that the same will be completed by the end of Oct., 2018.

The representative of Rajasthan added that the implementation of Cybergram projects could not be effectively carried out in border area due to network related problem. He informed that now the implementation agency is using mobile van facility for implementation of the project and it is expected that the project will be completed very

soon. On enquiry about health related projects, it was informed by the State that 9 unit of health project could not be implemented due to land related problem. The State will soon submit proposal for dropping of these projects. It was advised that the School Buildings which are under construction should be completed within 3 months. With regard to ACRs it was informed that work were in progress in 443 units. The EC directed the State Govt. to complete ongoing ACRs within 3 months. It was further observed that the State had not submitted status report on 217 ACRs. EC desired that a status report on such ACRs be made available to the Ministry within a week from uploading of the minutes on the Ministry's website.

As regards project sanctioned during 2017-18, the State representative informed the committee that tendering process was at final stage. He assured the committee that works for construction of asset will be started by the end of Sept/Oct, 2018. The EC desired that construction of projects sanctioned under erstwhile MsDP must be accorded priority and all efforts for completion of asset within the stipulated time may be made by State. A status report on the stages of construction of the projects sanctioned in 2017-18 be submitted to the Ministry at the earliest.

5.7 Consideration projects for the year 2018-19

The Empowered Committee considered the projects submitted by the State for construction of Govt. Colleges in MCAs of Alwar, Bharatpur, Chouhtan districts, Additional Class Rooms, Sadbhav Mandaps, Health Centres, Toilets, Science Labs, Library, Computer Rooms, Hostels etc in different MCAs of the State.

The EC informed the State representative that under PMJVK construction of assets is permissible only in the identified MCAs. It was mentioned that as per point (vii) of Appendix-II of the guidelines, the State has to ensure that the location of the projects falls under the identified MCB/MCT/MCD Hqrs/CoV.

The EC while considering the project of the State for construction of 4 degree colleges observed that the State may first submit the timelines/schedule for completion of project. It was informed by the State representative that this project would be completed within 14 to 18 months. Further the Chairman desired that the State Govt. should confirm in writing about the availability of land for the projects and stated that the timelines/schedules submitted by the State should have information related to major activities related to construction process. Besides, Chairman also desired that the

information related to quality control mechanism to be adopted by the state in construction, information related to nos. of students enrolled in the said degree colleges, nos. of girls/women students in the college etc may be furnished by the State.

The EC also considered the projects for construction of ACRs, Computer Rooms, Library, Sadbhav Mandaps etc and desired that the State may submit a brief report on the status of similar projects sanctioned during 12th Plan and 2017-18 and the timelines/schedules for completion. It was informed to the State that cost abstracts for Hostels, Sadbhav Mandaps etc are also required and deferred the proposals for next meeting of EC.

E. KARNATAKA

It was informed to the Empowered Committee that the State of Karnataka has submitted additional project proposals for their MCAs. The EC observed that the committee has already approved a number of projects for MCAs of Karnataka. Keeping in view the allocation of budget for the State, it was decided to defer the additional projects for consideration during later half of current financial year after a reallocation is made depending upon the proposals received from other states and the committed liability of the Govt. The EC directed the State representative to submit the projects accordingly.

F. PUNJAB

Proposals from the State of Punjab was submitted for the consideration of the Empowered Committee. It was observed that representatives of the District were only present during the meeting and the State officials were not present. It was informed that due to some technical issues related to video conferencing, the State headquarters of Punjab could not be connected. The EC opined that the projects should be placed in the next meeting of the committee so that the EC can review the projects sanctioned for MCAs of Punjab under erstwhile MsDP with the State representatives.

G. UTTARAKHAND

The EC considering the request of the State(letter no.1840/XVII-3/2018-19(25)2018 dated 23.08.2018) decided to consider the proposal of the MCAs of Uttarakhand in its next meeting. The State vide aforesaid letter conveyed its inability to attend the meeting of EC due to some administrative reasons.

CONCLUDING REMARKS:

The absence of Senior Officers/Principal Secretary in charge of Minority Affairs in the States of Assam, Karnataka, Punjab and Uttarakhand was noted with concern. It was observed that it would not be possible for MoMA to take up the proposals of States in the absence of the Principal Secretary/Secretary in-charge of the scheme as detailed review of ongoing projects and consideration of new proposals would require to be carried out in the presence of the Heads of the Department to clarify doubts, confirm specific specific status positions needed, provide assurances to certain actions required for the State Govt. to take etc. The Additional Secretary in charge of PMJVK was advised to confirm their participation and place proposals before the EC only of the States where the participation of the HOD has been confirmed.

The meeting concluded with thanks to Chair.

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