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(Department of Rural Development)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
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Subject: Release of First instalment in respect of Special Project under SGSY for skill development programme for BPL youth for employment in Security Sector in 12 States by Security Skills Council of India (SSCI).

1. I am directed to convey the approval of the President of India for sanction of a Special Project under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY) for skill development programme for BPL youth for employment in Security Sector in 12 States by SSCI. The total project cost is Rs.1494.84 lakh to be fully funded by the Centre excluding contribution by the Implementing Agency.

2. The expected outcome/benefits from the project are as follows:

- 21,500 beneficiaries from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in 12 States viz. Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, West Bengal, Assam, MP, Chhattisgarh, AP, Karnataka and Tamilnadu will be covered under the project for Skill Development leading to their placement.

3. The details of break up of the approved cost, phasing of activities and the targets set up for implementation are given in Annexure-I. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The Implementing Agency will have to ensure that out of the total beneficiaries covered, a minimum of 50% will be from SC/ST and 15% from minority categories. Coverage of women has to be ensured to the maximum extent possible.
- (ii) Beneficiary selection has to be done in consultation with the concerned State Government/DRDAs through appropriate awareness and publicity campaigns and advertisements in local electronic/print media. Production of BPL cards, SC/ST certificates etc. by candidates duly verified by the Panchayat functionary may be treated as sufficient for candidate selection by PIA/DRDA. **Only rural BPL beneficiaries will be covered in the project and provided placement, which in no case will be less than 75% of beneficiaries trained. Release of funds after first instalment will be based on achievement of placement corresponding to financial target and expenditure.**
- (iii) The implementing agency will furnish a certificate to the effect that the beneficiaries trained and/or placed have not been assisted under any other Government programmes for similar skill development/training.
- (iv) A Web based monitoring system is to be established and a web site for this project with details regarding beneficiaries, training, placements etc. will have to be maintained by the PIA and beneficiaries tracked at least for one year.
- (v) The training/skill development programmes will be fully residential. The training cost will also include provision for boarding & lodging expenses for beneficiaries which will be provided to all candidates as well as for market scan and beneficiary mobilisation.
- (vi) All beneficiaries trained under the project will be certified by a third party/ sector specific institution on completion of their training.
- (vii) A tripartite MOU involving Ministry, NIRD and A & D Societies will be entered into before disbursement of fund to the implementing agency by NIRD.
- (viii) The sponsoring/coordinating agency will verify the credentials of the implementing agency before release of first instalment.
- (ix) A tripartite MOU involving Ministry, IGNOU and SSCI will be entered into before disbursement of fund to the implementing agency by IGNOU.

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- 3) All assets /infrastructure created under the project with Government funding have to be disposed off at the end of the project period either through auction or purchased by the implementing /coordinating agency at depreciated value and realization refunded to the Government.
4. The Central Government share of funds would be released as grant-in-aid in three installments in the ratio of 25:50:25.
5. The project will be implemented by Security Skills Council of India (SSCI) and coordinated by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Maidan Garhi, New Delhi. The funds will be released to IGNOU, New Delhi.
6. I am also directed to convey the sanction of the President of India for release of Rs. 3,73,71,000/- (Rupees three crore seventy three lakh and seventy one thousand only) as grant-in-aid towards 1st installment of Central share of funds to IGNOU, New Delhi.
7. The funds released for the project should be maintained in a separate bank account. No fund would be kept in fixed deposit. The interest accrued on the amount deposited in the bank would be used only for the project.
8. The grants-in-aid shall be utilized for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned and shall not be diverted for any other purpose.
9. The project period would be 18 months from the date of sanction of the project.
10. Documentation should be an inherent part of the project along with the video recording giving the status of area/beneficiaries before and after the project. It should cover the details of deliverables as indicated in the project and achievements made against these deliverables.
11. No cost escalation will be permitted for the project. Escalation, if any, would be borne by the implementing Agency.
12. Monitoring and Evaluation of the project will be done as per stipulation in the tripartite MOU to be entered into among Ministry of Rural Development, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and Project Implementing Agency.
13. The Implementing Agency/Coordinating Agency shall submit the physical & financial progress report of the project by 15th of the month succeeding every quarter in the monitor format enclosed at Annexure-II. Failure to furnish the progress report would make the implementing/coordinating agency liable to refund the Central funds.
14. Second installment of funds for the project will be released subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) Utilisation of at least 60% of the 1st instalment and achievement of corresponding physical target.
 - (b) Submission of year-wise utilization certificates for at least 60% of the total available funds.
 - (c) Submission of year-wise audit reports of the funds utilized;
 - (d) Regular reporting of progress in the prescribed format and against the approved expenditure phasing;
 - (e) A certificate from the Implementing/Coordinating Agency that the project is being implemented as per the approved project proposal.