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**Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated, the 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2015**

**Meeting Notice**

**Subject: Meeting of the Empowered Committee on Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) to be held at 11.00 A.M. on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.**

The next meeting of the Empowered Committee on IAY will be held at 11.00 AM on Thursday, the 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 in the Committee Room (Unnati), Krishi Bhawan under the Chairmanship of Secretary (RD) to consider the proposals of Special Projects under IAY. Copy of the Agenda Note is enclosed.

2. All the members of the Committee are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.


  
**(B.C. Behera)  
Director**

**To**

1. The Additional Secretary & FA, Ministry of Rural Development.
2. Additional Secretary (RD), Ministry of Rural Development.
3. Joint Secretary (Rural Housing), Ministry of Rural Development.
4. Adviser (RD), Niti Ayog, New Delhi.
5. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, HUDCO, HUDCO Bhawan, India Habitat Centre, Lodi Road, New Delhi.
6. Dr. V.M. Chariar, RHKN Technical Lead Centre for Rural Development and Technology, IIT, Hauz Khas, New Delhi.
7. Shri Joe Madiath, Village and Post Gram Vikas, Odisha.
8. Ms. Zeenat Niazi, Development Alternative, New Delhi.
9. Principal Secretary / Secretary (RD), Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and Tripura.

**Copy for information to:**

- i) PPS to Secretary (RD)
- ii) PPS to Addl. Secretary (RD).
- iii) PPS to JS (SA).

  
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**Brief for the meeting of the Empowered Committee for IAY to consider the cases for sanction of special projects for construction of additional houses under IAY:**

The following proposals are placed before the Empowered Committee for consideration:

**1. Jammu & Kashmir:**

A proposal for sanction of 12,146 additional houses in 18 districts of Jammu & Kashmir damaged due to flood and landslides, has been received from the Government of Jammu & Kashmir on the prescribed format along with the requisite certificates.

The proposal is for construction of 3821 fully damaged houses and for up-gradation of 8325 partially damaged houses. However, it is proposed that in the first instance, the Committee may consider sanction of 3821 houses for the rural BPL households whose houses have been fully damaged. The total cost of these houses would be Rs. 28.66 crore and the Central share @ 50% would be Rs. 14.33 crore plus an amount of Rs. 0.57 crore as 4% administrative cost totaling to Rs. 14.90 crore.

As per IAY guidelines, 5% of the total allocation under IAY is kept apart for sanction of special projects. The total allocation under IAY for 2015-16 is Rs. 10,025 crore out of which Rs. 501 crore can be utilized for sanction of special projects. Thus, funds are available to meet the expenditure.

As per the General Financial Rules, no further funds can be released to the districts unless the UCs for the funds released earlier, are received. However, an amount of Rs. 169.205 lakh was released to Jammu district during the year 2010-11 as second installment for implementation of a special project for Border area in Akhnoor Block. Similarly, Rs. 223.875 lakh was released to Rajouri district during 2010-11 as second installment for the special project for Border area. But the UCs for these funds have not yet been received from the State Government / concerned DRDAs. It is, therefore, proposed that while the proposal may be considered by the Committee as a whole, funds to Jammu and Rajauri districts may be released only after receipt of UCs for the funds released earlier as mentioned above.

## **2. Uttar Pradesh:**

- (i) A proposal for sanction of 386 additional houses in Gazipur district for the rural BPL families affected by floods occurred during the year 2012-13, has been received from the State Government on the prescribed format along with the requisite certificates. The proposal is in order.

The total cost of these houses would be Rs. 270.20 lakh out of which the Central share @ 50% would be Rs. 135.10 lakh plus an amount of Rs. 5.40 lakh as 4% administrative cost totaling to Rs. 140.50 lakh. Funds are available to meet the expenditure.

- (ii) Another proposal from the State has been received for sanction of a special project for construction of 1114 houses for the manual scavengers in 20 districts of the State. Although the proposal has been submitted on the prescribed format, the requisite certificates particularly, the certificate that these families have not got financial assistance earlier for construction of a house under IAY or under any state scheme, have not been submitted. The proposal may be considered in principle and the funds would be released on receipt of the requisite certificates.

In the IAY guidelines, Manual Scavengers have been included as eligible category for sanction of a special project. The total cost of this project is Rs. 779.80 lakh and the Central share @ 50% would be Rs. 389.90 lakh plus Rs. 15.60 lakh as administrative cost totaling to Rs. 405.50 lakh. The funds are available to meet this expenditure.

## **3. Bihar:**

A proposal was received from the State Government of Bihar for sanction of a special project for construction of 15 additional houses damaged due to heavy rains in Gaya district. It was also stated that the Hon'ble High Court of Patna, in case No. 81/2013 Mahendra Ram Vs. Government of Bihar and others, had ordered to provide houses under IAY to the victim and the petitioners have now filed a contempt petition in this case.



The total cost for construction of 15 houses comes to Rs. 11.25 lakh and Central share @ 50% comes to Rs. 5.625 lakh plus Rs. 0.225 lakh as 4% administrative cost totaling to Rs.5.85 lakh. Keeping in view the urgency in this case, the 1<sup>st</sup> installment amounting to Rs. 2.925 lakh has since been released with the approval of Secretary (RD) in his capacity as Chairman of the Empowered Committee. Post-facto approval of the Committee is solicited in this case.

#### **4. Tripura:**

In para 3.14 of the C&AG Report No. 37 of 2014, the Audit has pointed out that 662 houses were allotted to the Surrendered militants in Tripura during the period 2008-13, out of the IAY funds without approval of the Ministry. To settle this para, the State Government was asked to send a proposal for post-facto approval of the Empowered Committee. The Government of Tripura has accordingly submitted a proposal for post facto approval of the Empowered Committee for sanction of a special project for construction of 579 houses for the surrendered militants (Returnees).

This case is a fate-accomplice. However, the surrendered militants have now been made an eligible category for sanction of special projects. In view of this, post facto approval of the Empowered Committee is solicited. No additional financial implication is involved as the houses have already been completed with the normal IAY funds.

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