Sub. : Minutes of the IAY session in the Workshop for DBT in MGNREGA and IAY held on 31-07-2013 –reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting for information and further necessary action.

Encl.: As above

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1. Sr. PPS to SS & FA
2. PS to AS(RD)
3. PS to JS (SA)
4. Smt. Madhuri Sharma, STD(NIC)
Session was chaired by AS(RD) and started with his opening remarks on the objective of the Workshop.

JS(SA) made a brief presentation on preparing for rollout of electronic Fund management System (eFMS) in IAY. It was indicated that enabling eFMS would be possible only if the beneficiary database is complete in all respects, including Bank /P.O account numbers and Aadhaar/TIN numbers and all transactions are carried out through the MIS-AwaasSoft. The necessity to keep the MIS updated in order to reflect the ground position was emphasised since the progress in MIS would form the basis for all further fund releases. The work done by States in using the MIS during the last year was appreciated and the need to keep them going was reiterated.

Senior Technical Director, NIC made a presentation on the process of eFMS. She detailed the various steps in the process and explained the various measures to be taken by States. The measures are as follows

- Verification of bank or P.O Account numbers of beneficiaries already registered and those being registered.
- Freezing of the Account details once verified
- Declaration of the debiting account - DRDA has to declare the account from which the funds would be transferred to beneficiaries as the eFMS account. Account reconciliation needs to be done on a daily basis.
- Generation of Order sheet
- Generation of Fund Transfer Order
- Approving the FTO through Digital Signatures
- Sending the approved FTO to banks
- various checks in the system to avoid tampering of records and other security features
• States placed the need for training and a demo site.

Division was directed to decide the dates for training in consultation with the States. STD indicated that the Chandigarh page can be used for demonstration and training purposes and States can collect the username and password for use of the demopage from NIC.

• States were asked to identify the payment authorities at the field level and initiate the process of procuring digital signatures for them. They were also asked to nominate state MIS Nodal Officer, state NIC Nodal Officer.

• States proposed that a facebook page or a mail group be formed for IAY. The same could be used as a platform for discussion and clarification of common issues. The Chairman appreciated the idea and indicated that the same can be used as thinking platform. The idea was accepted in principle – a kind of solution exchange could be involved.

• States were asked to decide on a time limit in order to bring AwaasSoft up to date. A limit of two months was accepted

• On Districts which could be declared for eFMS roll out in IAY, States suggested that districts where eFMS is operational in MGNREGA could be declared for eFMS roll out in IAY.

• On the question of meeting the cost of logo it was also clarified that the cost of logo to be used in IAY house can be made from the Administrative expenses head.

• On the issue of number of instalments for payment to beneficiaries it was clarified that State Government has to adhere to IAY guidelines.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.