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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
(Rural Housing Division)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated 6th July, 2016

To

The Principal Secretary / Secretary (Rural Development)
of all State Governments
dealing with Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G).

Subject :- Conduct of pilot training of masons – Reg.

Sir / Madam

I am directed to say that Ministry of Rural Development with an objective of improving the quality of houses had initiated the process of conduct of mason training and in the process has developed a new Qualification Pack for Rural Masons. The same has been approved by National Skill Development Corporation of India.

2. In order to facilitate the conduct training of masons at the ground level, advisory had earlier been issued to the State Governments for conduct of pilot training of masons, utilising the funds under head administrative expenses. However, it is learnt that the pilot training is yet to take off in many States.

3. With a view to initiate pilot training of masons in all the States, as indicated during the Nodal Officers meeting held on 6th June, 2016 an amount of Rs.15.00 lakhs would be provided to all the States Governments. Based on the experience gained in the conduct of the Pilot, the training can be scaled up to cover the entire State by utilising the administrative funds available with the States. The beginning of training will entail engagement of a Training Provider. An advisory was already issued to all the States vide letter of even number dated 28th June, 2016 to identify the Training Provider for conduct of training of masons.

4. The tentative break-up of Rs.15.00 lakhs that would be provided to each States for conduct of pilot training of rural masons is enclosed as Annexure.

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5. The above mentioned amount for pilot training would be released in due course as the proposal is internally under examination in the Ministry. In the meanwhile the States may initiate the conduct of pilot training of masons immediately by taking up construction of atleast 6 houses utilising the funds available with the States.

6. In a review meeting held in the Ministry on 4th July, 2016 on Mason training, where representatives of Construction Skill Development Council of India (CSDCI) and nodal officers of 10 states viz., Assam, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh were present, the following timelines have been decided to ensure that the training is begun and completed in the states in a manner that it will ensure availability of sufficient trained masons when the house construction is started by the beneficiaries.

- a) Engaging a Training Providers accredited with CSDCI by 2nd week of July, 2016
- b) Conduct of Training of Trainers 3rd week of July, 2016
- c) Start pilot training of masons by 4th Week of July, 2016 (25th July tentatively)

7. During the meeting, the CEO CSDCI agreed that they would support and facilitate the State Government with regard to the conduct of pilot training of masons viz., providing list of training providers accredited with CSDCI, facilitate interaction of State with the Training Providers, conduct of training of trainers (ToT) etc. The contact details of the operations team of CSDCI is available on the website of CSDCI viz., www.csdcindia.org. You are requested to get in touch with the officials of CSDCI and initiate the process of conduct of training of rural masons at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,



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Encl:- Asabove.

