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Rural Housing Division

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To,
The Secretary/Principal Secretary (RD)
Tripura and Andaman & Nicobar

Sub: Minutes of Meeting of Empowered Committee to appraise and approve Annual Action Plan of UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin for the financial year 2016-17 and to consider the proposal of Government of Tripura for supplying building material to the beneficiaries of PMAY-G

Sir/Madam

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to enclose herewith Minutes of the Meeting of Empowered Committee held on 09.12.2016 in Ministry of Rural Development, for information and necessary action.

2. This issues with the approval of Secretary (RD).

Encl. As above



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Minutes of the Meeting of the Empowered Committee under Pradhan Mantri Awaas

Yojana- Gramin held on 09.12.2016

A meeting of the Empowered Committee to consider Annual Action Plans of States/UTs was held on 09.12.2016 at 11.00 a.m. under the chairmanship of Shri Amarjeet Sinha, Secretary (RD) in his chambers. The meeting began with opening remarks by JS (RH), briefing about the Annual Action Plan for the UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and proposal of the Government of Tripura for supplying building material to the beneficiaries of PMAY-G.

The list of participants is at Annexure-I.

Annual Action Plan of Andaman & Nicobar

The representative of the UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands placed a copy of their Annual Action Plan before the EC and point wise discussion was made (placed at Annexure-II).

Based on the presentation of the UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the Empowered Committee accorded approval to the UT's Annual Action Plan for the year 2016-17 with following observations:-

- 1) The target of the UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands for current financial year will be 157 houses. The targets for FY 2017-18 and 2018-19 would be considered after verification and finalization of SECC data by all the UTs.
- 2) Uploading of the of priority lists for GPs displaying on AwaasSoft should be completed by 31st December, 2016.
- 3) For missing and duplicate GPs, the UT may carry out a mapping exercise through an interface available at the UT login on AwaasSoft. The priority lists would subsequently be generated according to the revised mapping. Any distortions in existing priority lists due to the above exercise would have to be re verified by the concerned GPs and Appellate Committee.
- 4) The district wise targets as proposed by the UT for FY 2016-17 (placed at Annexure-III) were approved.

- 5) The proposal of the UT to allocate 43 (27.38%) houses to SC and STs was approved in view of the UT certifying that no Scheduled Caste category was notified in Andaman & Nicobar and there were no further eligible beneficiaries available in the ST category as per the verified priority list based on SECC data.
- 6) Provisional targets including minority targets were conveyed to the UT vide letter No. G-20011/01/2015-RH (A/C) dated 2^{8th} June, 2016. According to the letter, minority target of 0 houses were allocated to the UT. After further analyzing Census data of Rural areas in the Ministry, it has been decided that the UT may revise Minority targets to 52. The Minority targets may be met both from targets allocated to SC/ST and Others in case of Minority households falling in these categories. Minorities notified under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 are to be considered eligible for receiving benefits against Minority earmarks.
- 7) The UT will make available free house site to the landless beneficiaries and cover homeless households, automatically included households and those living under polythene sheets.
- 8) As proposed by the UT
 - a. 1 village under Phase-I of Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana will be saturated in a phased manner by 2017-18.
 - b. 1 ODF village will be saturated by 02.10.2017.
 - c. Villages in RURBAN cluster and those with strong SHG networks under DAY-NRLM will be saturated by 2018-19 in a phased manner on as far as possible.
- 9) The UT will ensure that all scheme funds have been transferred to UT Nodal Account and opening balance as on 01.04.2016 has been frozen on AwaasSoft with supporting Bank Statement by 31.12.2016.
- 10) The UT will ensure utilization of unspent balance of Rs 5.73 crore as on 30.11.2016 for completion of pending houses under IAY.
- 11) The UT to be exempted from the process of setting up of PMU in view of low targets under the scheme.

- 12) The UT will organize orientation camps wherein the beneficiaries will be sensitised about scheme features, house typologies, availability of local resources and trained masons and consent for Aadhaar seeding from the beneficiary would also be sought.
- 13) The UT to consider training its masons in accordance with the Qualification Pack (QP) for rural masons developed by the Ministry in collaboration with CSDCI and take assistance from HUDCO for the same.
- 14) The UT will expedite the process of incorporating finalized house design typologies into Schedule of Rates and construction of demonstration houses in collaboration with HUDCO.
- 15) The UT will ensure 90 days of labour through MGNREGA for construction of houses. The UT will issue job cards on a priority basis for PMAY-G beneficiaries without job cards.
- 16) The UT will ensure construction of toilets in PMAY-G houses through convergence with SBM, MGNREGA or any other dedicated finance source.
- 17) Suitable action as per extant provisions will be taken for seeding of Aadhaar numbers in PMAY-G database.
- 18) Once the process of beneficiary identification has been completed, the UT to upload photographs of PMAY-G beneficiaries in front of their existing dwelling and proposed site and enter bank account details on AwaasSoft to ensure only eligible beneficiaries are provided assistance under the scheme.
- 19) The UT will submit a proposal for release of pending liabilities under IAY to the PD at the earliest.

In addition, following decisions were also taken:

- i. Since the targets for three years under PMAY-G are small for UT, balance of house targeted for the period of three years 2016-17 to 2018-19 may be allocated to the UT of A&N at the time of allocation of targets for next financial year in consonance with saturation approach. The UT may adopt construction technology based on the use of locally available material. In this regard, the UT may explore use of housing typology/technology of bamboo treatment for construction of PMAY-G houses as per pattern of State of Tripura. UT may send a team of officials to Tripura to study their

housing typology based on treated bamboo. The representative of Tripura was requested to provide necessary technical support for this purpose.

- ii. HUDCO officials were requested to hold a meeting with UT administration to provide them logistic support to adopt low cost construction technologies for building the PMAY-G houses. If UT send a proposal for financial and technical assistance in this regard, HUDCO may extend all necessary support to them. HUDCO may also facilitate mason training in the UT.

Proposal of Government of Tripura for supplying construction material to the beneficiaries

The representative of Tripura explained about their proposal and stated that it felt necessary to provide CGI sheets to the beneficiaries through quality and timely procurement which would help expedition completion of houses.

Secretary RD, mentioned that instead of aforesaid proposal the state may consider the adoption of Tamil Nadu model of providing house building material in which quality and cheap material is made available by the state so that beneficiary is encouraged to purchase it due to obvious advantage. The financial assistance under the scheme is provided to the beneficiary only.

The representative of Tripura informed that for the year 2015-16 they have already procured CGI sheets to distribute among the beneficiaries.

After the discussion following decisions were taken:

- i. The State may re-work on their proposal on the pattern of the State of Tamil Nadu and release the fund in the account of beneficiaries to enable them to purchase the construction material for the year 2016-17. If any difficulty is noticed in the implementation the State may flag the issue to the Ministry for consideration
- ii. For the year 2015-16, as the State has already done procurement of CGI sheets they may follow the prevailing practice.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.