Minutes of Project Approval Committee Meeting

Date: 9th April 2024

Venue: RDD Meeting Hall, Old Secretariat, Patna

Time : 11.30 AM to 1.30 PM

Members Present:

1. Shri Arvind Kumar Chaudhary., I.A.S. Principal Secretary, RDD, GoB

- 2. Dr. Chandra Shekhar Singh., I.A.S. Chief Executive Officer, BRLPS
- 3. Smt. Abhilasha Kumari Sharma., I.A.S. Addl. Chief Executive Officer, BRLPS
- 4. Shri Shyama Kant Mehra, Internal Financial Advisor, Rural Development Department, GoB
- 5. Shri Suresh Kumar Singh, Mission Director, BSDM, Labour Resources Department, Bihar
- 6. Shri Ranghey Raghaw, Assistant Director, M&E, DDU-GKY, NIRD&PR, Hyderabad

	Welcome to PAC Chairperson and all members of the PAC Committee
	Additional CEO, BRLPS welcomed PAC members and briefed about the progress under DDUGKY.
Agenda No. 1	Uniformity in application of interest rate at 10% for all phase PIAs as damage/opportunity cost in case of non-fulfilment of agreed terms under MoU:
	As per DDUGKY notification 4/ 2014 dated 3 rd February 2014 -point 60, there is provision of refund of grant/advance amount with 10% interest rate in event of failure to comply project terms and condition.
	Point 60 of notification says that "In the event of the Project Implementing Agency failing to comply with the conditions or committing breach of the conditions of the MoU, the Project Implementing Agency shall be liable to refund to the President of India, the whole or a part amount of the grant with interest at ten percent per annum thereon or the sum specified in the MoU."
	The referred notification was inadvertently missed by SRLM. For lack of timely information to PAC, it was directed to levy interest at 6% as an opportunity/damage cost compounded annually in its meeting dated 23 rd June 2021 for 34 PIAs of Phase-I. As the notification was located later on, interna corrective measure was taken in synchronization of the notification.
	There is a mention of levying 18% interest on recoverable amount in the Mol signed with 95 PIAs of Phase-II. This is in case of non-fulfilment of contract obligations.

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Therefore, in view of the notification 4/2014, it is proposed to impose simple interest at 10% per annum on recoverable amount to all phases PIAs, sanctioned during 2014-2024 towards damage/opportunity cost. The aspect of levying simple interest has its mention in minutes of meeting dated 6th December 2021, done with officials from MoRD, GoI.

Decision & Direction

As per the DDU-GKY Notification No. 4/2014 dated 3rd February 2014, it has been mentioned that interest at 10% per annum or the sum specified in the MoU shall be leviable in the event of PIA failing to comply with the conditions of MoU.

Accordingly, it has been directed to levy simple interest rate of 10% per annum in case of those PIAs where there is no explicit mention of recovery towards damage/opportunity cost in the MoU. In case of those PIAs where there is explicit mention of recovery towards damage/opportunity cost, it will be applicable as per agreed MoU.

Agenda No. 2

Opening of training centre outside state of Bihar by the selected Captive Employer under DDUGKY/Roshni Project.

Project Approval Committee has earlier decided through meeting minutes dated 14th August 2019 that "to ensure safety & security of trainees and to facilitate proper monitoring of the project, training centre outside of Bihar state will be not allowed."

Recently, BRLPS has issued an advertisement on 16.03.2024 for inviting the proposal for selection of Partner Agency as Captive Employer under DDU-GKY. During pre-proposal meeting held on 1st April 2024, few potential Captive Employer has shown the desired interest to partnership with BRLPS under DDUGKY and requested for permission to open the training centre outside of Bihar for effective training and placement in their own company/factory/establishment.

MoRD Notification No: 18/2020 dated 6th October 2020 related to Captive Employment Guidelines under DDU-GKY defined Captive Employer or Industry that provides employment to candidates in their own organization or one of its subsidiaries and have suitable in-house training facilities.

Captive Placement may be defined as the employment provided to the skilled candidates post training in the industry where they are trained. It is mandatory to provide captive placement to 70% of trained candidates for the minimum period of 6 months post completion of training.

Therefore, considering the above-mentioned aspects, it is proposed to provide permission to the selected Captive Employer under DDU-GKY/Roshni to open the training centre outside the state of Bihar.

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Decision & Direction	Approved. It was directed to ensure due diligence in this regard before allowing opening of centre outside Bihar.
	Any other subject with permission from Chair
Direction	Project Approval Committee gave directions on the following aspects:
	 A. It was directed to close Phase-1 Projects of 34 PIAs by June 2024 on priority. Review meeting on Progress needs to be conducted on regular basis at the level of Additional CEO/CEO, BRLPS. B. It was directed to expedite the closure process for 2nd phase PIAs as well on priority. Suitable timeline to be framed in this regard. C. It has been directed to organize a review meeting with RSETI Nodal Officers/Bank officials by 15th May 2024. This meeting will be chaired by the Principal Secretary, RDD, GoB. D. It was directed to facilitate coordination with Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM) to register the new qualification pack under concerned Sector Skill Council (SSC) so that Staffs and Community Cadres getting trained from JEEViKA can be captured under Trained list.

The Meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the chair and all participants.

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