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To

The Principal Secretaries, Rural Development  
(All States and Union Territories)

Subject: Clarification regarding Commencement of Activities after release of first instalment under the National Rurban Mission (NRUM).

Sir/Madam,

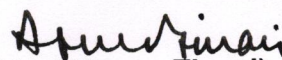
Under the National Rurban Mission (NRuM) scheme, various works are approved by the Empowered Committee headed by Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Government of India under the Integrated Cluster Action Plan (ICAP) as proposed by the respective States. After the approval of the ICAP by the Empowered Committee, first instalment of the central share of 30% of Critical Gap Funding (CGF) is released. As per the approved Framework of Implementation (clause 14.4), second instalment is to be released after the submission of the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) as approved by the State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC), and the approval of the final CGF for the project by the Department of Rural Development, Government of India.

However, it is found that the commencement of the work in the clusters does not take place until the Department releases the second instalment. This practice delays the progress of the works approved under the ICAP/ CGF and consequently, booking of expenditure in respect of such works. In order to overcome this difficulty, it is clarified that the State may commence the work as per SLEC approved DPRs provided:-

- (i) Sectoral allocations of CGF as approved in ICAP by the Empowered Committee is maintained with variation within a band of + or - 20% of the cost approved under ICAP; and
- (ii) The total CGF amount approved in ICAP remains the same.

Notwithstanding the above, the States need to submit SLEC approved DPRs for approval of final CGF by the Ministry as stated in 14.4.2 of Framework of Implementation of this Scheme.

Yours Sincerely,

  
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