

**J-17060/6/2014- Aajeevika Skills
Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development
(Aajeevika Skills Division)**

New Delhi, dated 5th June 2014

Notification No. 12/2014

Subject: Implementation of Roshni projects-reg

I am directed to state that the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) has revised norms relating to implementation of Roshni projects as follows:-

(i) In order to ensure adequate coverage of candidates in the 27 Roshni districts the total number of candidates to be trained under Roshni initiative shall be **at least** 50,000 candidates over a period of three years. Further, taking into account current budgetary status, the training target set for **Roshni** will be part of the overall target for Aajeevika Skills for a State. For example, if the overall target for Aajeevika Skills is training 1 lakh candidates in a particular State, and the State Government has committed to a Roshni target of 65000 candidates, then the remaining target for non-Roshni districts under Aajeevika Skills will be only 35000 candidates for that State.

(ii) The minimum target for coverage of women candidates in a Roshni project is now fixed at 40% of the total project target, as against 50% previously provided for in the Guidelines. Accordingly, clause 1 of Standard Terms & Conditions (attached as Annexure I of Roshni sanction order issued by the MoRD) issued along with Roshni sanctions shall be read as below:

"1. The Project Implementing Agency shall offer skilling courses to rural youth who satisfy the eligibility criteria specified in the Roshni Guidelines and at least 40% of the candidates shall have to be women."

(iii) Taking into account the infrastructure constraints in Roshni districts, Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) will henceforth be allowed to locate their Training

Centers in places with suitable infrastructure support that can ensure the required levels of quality assurance in implementation, including training Centers located outside the State. In all such cases the PIA shall mandatorily obtain **prior** approval of the Technical Support Agency and the State Government concerned before commencement of Centre.

(iv) In order to maintain uniformity in project implementation, the Technical Support Agency for all Roshni projects shall be NIRD, Hyderabad. The NABCONS shall transfer all the Roshni projects allocated to it along with funds received to the NIRD by **15th June 2014**, and the NIRD shall complete the process of execution of signing fresh MoUs with the PIAs by **30th June 2014**. All the State Governments concerned shall, in case of all Roshni projects, henceforth route the committed State share for the project to the PIA through the NIRD only.

3. This notification shall come into force with immediate effect and apply to all existing projects under operation

4. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development.



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To,

1. Secretary, Department of Rural Development State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal
2. All SRLMs, State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal
3. Central Technical Support Agencies- NIRD and NABCONS
3. All Project Implementing Agencies
4. A copy to be placed in all approved Roshni project files in the Ministry
4. Shri Abu Osama Saifi- with a request to upload the notification on website.

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