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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Minority Affairs**

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**CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,**  
**New Delhi, Dated 27.06.2014**

To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary,  
Dealing with Minority Development Department,  
Government of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka,  
Manipur, Mizoram, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Tripura, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu  
and Kashmir, Kerala, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Delhi, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Punjab, Sikkim, Andaman and  
Nicobar.

**Subject : Independent monitoring mechanism for the projects under MsDP- Involving IITs/NITs for the  
monitoring of projects costing more than Rs.1 crore – Guidelines given.**

**Sir/Madam**

Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) is under implementation since 2008 and projects for socio economic infrastructure and basic amenities are taken up under this programme. The project approved is implemented by the concerned State/UT. At present, the monitoring of the projects under MsDP is done through Block, District and State level Committees. However, there is no independent monitoring mechanism for the projects under the programme. As such the monitoring of the projects is not happening to the desired level and there is a need to strengthen the existing system by involving credible independent agency.

2. Considering these aspects the following guidelines are given for strengthening the monitoring mechanism at the State and District level.

- (i) Each State/UT is requested to identify an IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) or NIT (National Institute of Technology) situated within their State/UT or near to them, to have a tie up for the inspection and monitoring of the projects under MsDP. A State may identify more than one IIT/NIT for this purpose, if so needed.
- (ii) IIT/NIT so identified would be required to inspect and monitor all the projects of MsDP costing more than Rs. 1 crore.
- (iii) The expert/professional from the concerned IIT/NIT would be required to visit the project at least twice during its execution – one of the visits should be after 50% of the first instalment of the central share has been utilised and another visit should be when the project is nearing its completion. For bigger projects, more visits can be planned.
- (iv) The main purpose of the visit by the expert from IIT/NIT would be (a) to assess the quality of construction and whether the construction is as per the administrative approval and approved design and estimate, and (b) to ascertain whether the project under execution has been properly located so as to give benefit to the target minority communities.
- (v) The Ministry would insist on at least one inspection report of the IIT/NIT before the release of second instalment for the projects costing more than Rs.1 crore.
- (vi) The total cost of monitoring through the above mentioned proposition should not exceed 0.5% of the total cost of the project. This expenditure may be met out of the provision made in the project estimate for quality control or contingency etc. If the provision made in the project estimate is not sufficient, this may be charged under administrative expenses of the programme.

3. I request you to take immediate action to put this system into place by 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2014 and also to inform this Ministry about the action taken in this regard.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully



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