

DATE OF MEETING: 4 November, 2016
TIME: 12:00 Noon
VENUE: Conference Hall of WBCSTDFC, Salt Lake

Present

List enclosed

In chair : Dr. U.N. Biswas, Chairman (In the Rank of Cabinet Minister)

Hon'ble Chairman addressed the assembly. He described the importance of various project linked skill development activities which were expected to generate huge encouragement among the deserving target group candidates. He further mentioned about the opportunities of self-employment being created through this in the rural areas. He requested active participation of the District officials.

Principal Secretary, BCW & TD departments directed to gear up the initiative and launch various skill development activities immediately.

Agenda-wise discussions and action points emerged out of it are detailed below:-

1. **Skill Development – Role of District offices:** Discussed at length, trade wise. For project linked programmes like (1) Advanced Beauty Therapist (2) Multipurpose health worker (3) Self-employed Tailor where there is a specific plan for finance linkage and development of entrepreneur, selection of candidates would be made by Blocks and thereafter finalized by DWC/ three member committee in its absence. For other Trades/ Job-roles open advertisement would be published by the selected service providers. Final selection would be conducted by a committee having representatives of Block/ Municipality, Corporation and Service provider. Walk-in interview on specific dates can also be conducted. Detailed guidelines for conducting the training already issued to the service providers were also discussed. The programme should be closely monitored to derive maximum benefit for the target group.
2. **Disbursement of 2015-16 cases, DBT, Aadhar linking, PM jandhan yojana Account, UC status:** Disbursement should be taken up on priority basis directly to the Bank Account (DBT) of the beneficiaries and by no other means. Pending disbursement to be completed immediately to generate UC. Disbursement advice sent to Bank should indicate Aadhar No. along with other details. The same would be treated as UC. More or less UC of Rs. 15.00 crore would be required to get further disbursement from NSFDC for 2016-17 cases. The District offices should immediately complete disbursement of MSY cases and send UC. As per the

Aadhar Act, mentioning Aadhar No. in the UC statement has been made mandatory.

3. **Progress of Schemes – 2016-17:** Progress is still not satisfactory. Total coverage as on 31 October, 2016 stands as 17400 beneficiaries against the target of 82476. District offices should start following up with the Blocks regularly to increase the performance.
4. **NACH Recovery:** In spite of repeated follow up, nine District Branch offices are yet to take up the matter. District Branch office should come up with the proposal for further training, if there is lack of clarity or understanding to start the process.
5. **Livelihood scheme under SCA to TSP:** Guidelines, funding pattern and use of funds under SCA to TSP was discussed at length. District Branch Offices were requested to explore innovative community based schemes/ activities for enhancement of livelihood of the Tribal communities. Schemes for development of dairy through AI, Fodder, linking with milk cooperatives, wherever possible may be explored. Extensive fisheries activities can be undertaken through community participation. Training, providing feed, manure, equipments like fishing nets, big containers can be considered under the scheme. Training on breeding and production of fish seed, fry & lings can also be considered at a later stage. Identification of water bodies in and around the tribal hamlets should be given due importance. Apiary, Nursery, Cooperative based irrigation schemes etc. can be considered. Horticulture, protective cultivation, floriculture should be attempted. However, in every scheme, size of investment and capacity to generate income should be kept in mind. Unless considerable income is generated it will no longer attract the beneficiaries.
6. **Recovery status, NI Act cases, OTS:** Overall status of recovery is far from satisfactory. Servicing of NI Act cases demands manpower and money. To improve recovery and to get rid of old outstanding dues OTS was launched. District offices should take advantage of the scheme with priority on NI Act cases. A few proposals have been received and those are being examined.

An outline on status of recovery was shown to all. From 2016-17, District wise target for recovery is being fixed. Overall target is fixed at Rs. 25.00 crore for 2016-17. Incentive will be linked with recovery performance from this year.

7. **Uttar Banga Sech Samabay Prakalpa (UBSSP):** It was earlier decided in the last meeting that excess quota owing to surrender by Dakshin Dinajpur and Uttar Dinajpur would be implemented in Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar Districts. Formal intimation from Uttar Dinajpur District is awaited.

8. **Beneficiary Loan Ledger Account:** District Branch offices are to create Loan Ledger Accounts before disbursement. The Accounts are to be updated regularly to assess the current demand at any point of time.
9. **Education Loan –Enquiry & Recovery:** Process for receiving loan application, on-line is nearly completed for the academic year 2016. District Branch offices should complete and submit enquiry report for the cases of their District immediately. District Branch offices are to act immediately whenever a request for serving notices upon defaulter students is made by HO. They should also pursue the beneficiary to ensure repayment.
10. **Scheme for Safai Karmachari Communities (NSKFDC)** : Proposal for covering safai karmacharis and their dependant family members under NSKFDC scheme is seldom received from the Districts. NSKFDC fund is available to cover the target group under various schemes. The District Branch offices should explore such cases in the urban areas of the District. Schemes like sanitation vehicle (Cess pool, mechanical emptier) may create win-win situation in small municipalities/ Towns – in one way Urban Local body can extend such facility without capital investment and on the other it can create self employment opportunity for the target group if such schemes are promoted and financed under NSKFDC scheme.


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