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Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

North Block, New Delhi
Dated, the 24th September, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Record of Discussion (RoD) of the meeting to review the implementation of Flagship/ development/ welfare schemes in UTs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Delhi, Lakshadweep and Puducherry.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith RoD of the meeting held on 10th September, 2020 via Video Conference under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (UT) to review the implementation of selected flagship schemes in UTs, for further necessary action.

Encl.: As above

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To,

1. Secretary, Department of Financial Services
2. Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution
3. Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs
4. Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs.

Copy to:

1. The Chief Secretary, UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Port Blair.
2. The Advisor to the Administrator, UT Chandigarh, Chandigarh.
3. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Delhi Sachivalaya, I.P. Estate New Delhi.
4. The Advisor to the Administrator, UT of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu.
5. The Advisor to the Administrator, UT of Lakshadweep, Kavaratti.
6. The Chief Secretary, Government of Puducherry, Puducherry.

Record of Discussions

Implementation of Flagship/Development/Welfare Schemes in UTs 11:30 am, 10th September, 2020; MHA, North Block, New Delhi

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (UT) [AS (UT)] to review the implementation of flagship/development/welfare schemes in UTs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands (ANI), Chandigarh (CHD), Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (DNH&DD), Delhi (DEL), Lakshadweep (LKD) and Puducherry (PUD) via video conference on 10th September, 2020 in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), North Block, New Delhi. The list of participants is at **Annexure**.

2. AS (UT) welcomed the participants, and stated the agenda for the meeting.
3. Key observations/remarks that emerged from the discussion are:

A. One Nation One Ration Card | Department of Food and Public Distribution (DoFPD)

- i. Representative of **DoFPD** stated that UTs have to enable e-POS in all Fair Price Shops (FPS) and undertake 100% biometric authentication.
- ii. **UTs** stated the following – In **ANI** out of the total 457 FPS, connectivity is an issue in 20 Fair Price Shops (FPS) in Nancowri. Saturation of biometric authentication facility is still awaited as System Integrator has denied to undertake 100% biometric authentication. The issue will be addressed and the process will be completed by December, 2020. **CHD** has signed a MoU with NIC and biometric devices have been procured. NIC is to develop the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) software to operationalize the system. In **DEL**, e-POS devices are yet to be installed in FPS. 10 devices for testing on pilot basis have been provided by System Integrator and approval is awaited. The Cabinet of GNCTD has decided to launch the scheme with the rollout of door step delivery of Public Services from January, 2021. **PUD** conveyed the decision of rolling out One Nation One Ration Card to DoFPD on 14.08.2020. NIC will complete development of ONORC software for the UT. The scheme is at an advanced stage of implementation in **LKD**, with only Aadhaar authentication

pending in LKD. The UT has signed the MOU with NIC on 14.08.2020 and the work is expected to be completed by October, 2020. In **DNH & DD**, the scheme has been implemented from May, 2020.

B. Minority Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme; Minority Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme; Merit-cum-Means Minority Scholarship | M/o Minority Affairs

- i. **M/o Minority Affairs** representative stated that under aforementioned scholarship schemes, candidates directly apply through the National Scholarship Portal. UTs need to spread awareness and encourage applications.
- ii. **UTs** stated the following – **LKD** has its own scholarship schemes which are far more beneficial in terms of monetary benefits given to students. However, the UT scheme could be converged with GoI Schemes and a letter in this regard has already been sent to M/o of Minority Affairs and M/o Tribal Affairs on 14.08.2020. In **ANI**, as there is significant tribal and OBC population belonging to Muslim and Christian communities, the UT would be converging its local schemes with GoI schemes and will write to M/o Minority Affairs. In view of merger of **DNH&DD**, M/o Minority Affairs to ensure that the data pertaining to the UT is merged. Under Pre-matric scholarship, funds for the FY 2017-18 (Rs.39.7 lakh) and 2018-19 (Rs. 33.72 lakh) have not been released to the beneficiaries in Daman & Diu. Under Post-Matric Scholarship, there is a difference in the number of beneficiaries vis-a-vis the amount sanctioned. UT will be taking it up with the Ministry.

C. Seekho aur Kamao; Nai Manzil; Nai Roshni; USTTAD Scheme; Nai Udan; Jiyo Parsi; Padho Pardesh Schemes of M/o Minority Affairs

- i. These schemes are either NGO based schemes or are beneficiary-led schemes in which UT Administration does not have a direct role in implementation.
- ii. **UTs of LKD, ANI and DEL**, with a significant presence of minority population, can work towards popularizing the schemes.

D. Atal Pension Yojana | DFS

- i. The **Department of Financial Services (DFS)** representative stated that Atal Pension Yojana is a self-contribution scheme and UTs can work towards creating awareness among the potential beneficiaries.

- ii. **UTs** stated the following - **DNH&DD** stated that in view of merger of DNH&DD, it may be ensured that the data pertaining to the UT is merged. Further, some data reconciliation is required which will be taken up with DFS.

E. Stand- Up India | DFS

- i. The **DFS** representative stated that funds are directly disbursed into the bank accounts of beneficiaries. The need for awareness about the scheme among the potential beneficiaries was highlighted.
- ii. **UTs** stated the following - **DNH&DD** stated that in view of merger of DNH&DD, it may be ensured that the data pertaining to the UT is merged.

F. PM Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana | DEA

- i. The **DEA** representative stated that the scheme encourages home savings through higher interest rate. He also stated that the performance of all UTs was satisfactory, except that of LKD.
- ii. **UTs** stated the following - **LKD** pointed out some data discrepancy in number of accounts, which needs to be reconciled. **DNH&DD** requested that the data needs to be merged, in view of the merger of UTs.

4. Key Observations/ Action Points:

- i. As regards *One Nation One Ration Card Scheme*, **AS (UT)** stated that ANI must try to complete the process of 100% biometric authentication earlier than December, 2020. He further stated that he will speak to the DDG in NIC HQ regarding the software development for the UT of CHD, PUD and LKD. PUD may resend the decision to implement One Nation One Ration to DoFPD. DEL to expedite enabling of e-POS devices in all FPS along with biometric authentication.
- ii. AS (UT) stated that the schemes viz. **Minority Pre-Matric Scholarship, Minority Post-Matric Scholarship** and **Merit-cum-Means Minority Scholarship** was most relevant to LKD because of the presence of minority population to the extent of 100%. UT, therefore, needs to create more awareness about the scheme. He further emphasized that all the minority schemes (NGO-based or direct beneficiary-based) must be actively promoted in

LKD. AS (UT) will also speak to the concerned Joint Secretary in the M/o Minority Affairs regarding the convergence of local UT scheme with GoI scheme in LKD and ANI.

- iii. M/o Minority Affairs to have a separate meeting with UTs discussing the implementation of their schemes in detail.
- iv. UTs to create awareness about the Atal Pension Yojana, Stand-up India and PM Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana. UTs of LKD, ANI and Delhi can work towards popularizing the schemes – **Seekho aur Kamao; Nai Manzil; Nai Roshni; USTTAD Scheme; Nai Udan; Jiyo Parsi; Padho Pardesh Schemes**
- v. LKD to expedite the progress under **Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana** and reconcile the data on number of accounts with DEA expeditiously; DEA to note the merger of DNH&DD.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants

Ministry of Home Affairs

1. Sh. Govind Mohan, Additional Secretary (UT) **(In-chair)**
2. Dr. Kumar V. Pratap, Joint Secretary (UT)
3. Sh. Jitendra Agrawal, Adviser (UT)
4. Sh. Ravi Ranjan, Deputy Commandant

Ministries/ Departments

1. Sh. CPS Bakshi, JS, Department of Minority Affairs
2. Ms. Anindita Sinha Ray, Director, Department of Financial Services
3. Sh. L.P. Sharma, DS, Department of Food & Public Distribution
4. Sh. Hanumaiah Karukonda, Deputy Secretary (Budget), Department of Economic Affairs

Union Territories (through VC)

1. Sh. Vijay Kumar, Principal Secretary (Planning), UT of ANI
2. Sh. Arun Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, UT of Chandigarh
3. Sh. A. K. Singh, Adviser to the Administrator, UT of DNH & DD.
4. Sh. Sanjeev Khirwar, Principal Secretary (Revenue), GNCT of Delhi
5. Sh. P. Krishnamurthy, Adviser to the Administrator, UT of Lakshadweep
6. Sh. Ashwani Kumar, Chief Secretary, Government of Puducherry
