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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
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- To,
- 1) All State Governments /Director, SIRDs/Principal, ETCs,
 - 2) Director General, NIRD&PR, Hyderabad

Subject: - Revised guidelines on strengthening/establishment of State Institute of Rural Development (SIRDs) and Extension Training Centres (ETCs) – reg.
Reference - Ministry's earlier letters (i) J-12040/2/2010-Trg. dated 23.12.2010
(ii) M-13015/01/2014-Trg. dated 25.11.2014

Sir/Madam,

The Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Rural Development is providing financial assistance (Recurring/Non-recurring grants) to all SIRDs/ETCs for imparting training to elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) & officials and functionaries related with Rural Development. It has been observed that there is noticeable divergence in claims submitted for recurring grants by various SIRDs. Therefore, there is a need to not only link grant of funds with the training requirements of a State but also ensure steady flow of grants to SIRDs and ETCs for smooth and unhindered conduct of training programmes. Accordingly, the above referred guidelines are revised/modified as below, effective from 01st April, 2017.

2. Since, revised guidelines are effective from 1st April, 2017, therefore, previous claim of SIRDs/ETCs upto the financial year 2016-17, if any, will be reimbursed on receipt of a complete proposal including all necessary supporting documents required as per the existing guidelines issued by this Ministry's letter of even number dated 25.11.2014.

RECURRING GRANTS

(A) Recurring Grants to SIRDs

3. Criteria for release of recurring grants to SIRDs:-

- i. Recurring grants to a SIRD would include:
 - (a) funding support to maximum of 7(seven) senior permanent core faculty members. However, reimbursement for existing contractual members will be borne by the Ministry for a period of three years only from the date of implementation of the guidelines. All State Governments are requested to fill-up the post on regular basis during this period of three years; and
 - (b) training related other recurring expenditures.
- ii. The Ministry would provide 100% funding support to maximum of *seven* senior core faculty/contractual members of SIRDs out of which at least one core faculty member should be from Information Technology (IT) field and other may be either from Women & Child Development or Health & Nutrition. The other members of core faculties should be from Rural Engineering/ Rural Development/Information Education Communication/ Popular participation/Village Level Planning Credit/ Agriculture/Extension/Social Education/Animal Husbandry/Public Health/Cooperatives etc.

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