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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
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To
All State Rural Development Secretaries.

Subject : Replacement / purchase of vehicles by DRDAs.

Sir,

The Ministry of Rural Development receives a large number of requests from District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) seeking approval of the Ministry for purchase / replacement of vehicles under the DRDA Administration Scheme. Keeping in view the practical difficulties and delay involved in giving case by case approval, it has been decided with the approval of the competent authority to delegate the power of approval for replacement of vehicle(s) by DRDAs to the State Rural Development Secretaries. The Secretary, Rural Development of the state may accord approval for such proposals. Purchase of new vehicles by DRDAs as replacement for condemned vehicles may be allowed subject to the following conditions:

(i) the approval of the State Government will be obtained in advance before purchase of any new vehicle;

(ii) the new vehicles shall be purchased either as replacement of an existing vehicle which has been condemned by following the prescribed procedure or for DRDAs newly set up. In the latter case, only one vehicle for each DRDA shall be allowed;

(iii) the expenditure involved shall be met out of the contingency provision of 30% earmarked under DRDA Administration grant.

2. All pending cases awaited approval of the Ministry of Rural Development for replacement of vehicles / purchase of vehicles for new DRDAs may be considered disposed off. Also in future, cases for replacement of vehicles / purchased of new vehicles for new DRDAs need not be sent to the Ministry of Rural Development for approval.

Yours faithfully,

(Amar Jit Banga),
Director (DRDA)