

8.3 Replacement of vehicles by DRDA in lieu of condemned vehicles

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Department of Rural Development

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To

All state Rural Development Secretaries.

Sub : Replacement of vehicles by DRDAs.

Sir,

The Ministry of Rural Development receive 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 now been decided with approval of the competent authority to delegate the power of approval for replacement of existing vehicle(s) by DRDAs to the State Rural Development Secretaries. The Secretary Rural Development of the state may henceforth accord approval for such proposals in consultation with the State Finance Department wherever required subject to the following conditions:

- i) the expenditure for procurement of vehicle shall be met from within 30% of the salary costs allotted towards contingencies. In case the expenditure exceeds this limit, the excess expenditure shall be fully met by the state governments
- ii) the proposal shall have approval of the Governing Body of the DRDA
- iii) Proposal shall be accompanied by condemnation certificate of the discarded vehicle issued by the competent authority

2. It may please be noted that the above approval is only for replacement of existing vehicles and not for purchase of additional vehicles. Therefore, in light of the above, all pending cases awaiting approval of the Ministry of Rural Development for replacement of vehicles may be considered disposed of. Also in future no cases for replacement of vehicles by DRDAs need be sent to the Ministry of Rural Development for approval. All the Project Directors, of DRDAs in your state may kindly be informed of the above decision.

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