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To The Director of Rural Development Madras – 15 The Chief Executive Officers of all District Panchayats

Sir,

Sub: JVVT – Implementation of IAY – Certain suggestions of Government of India – communicated

I am directed to state that the Government of India have made the following suggestions on implementation of Indira Awaas Yojana Scheme:

2. The identification of the beneficiaries will have to be done from the existing list of people below the poverty line. This list might have already been outdated, but the same need to be checked by the Gram Sabha's or the village community who should select beneficiaries eligible categories indicated in the existing guidelines, persons displaced by development projects, no-madic, semi-nomadic, de-notified tribes, internal refugees as well as disabled families and families affected by cyclone and other natural calamities falling below the poverty level should get priority under the scheme. In any case the beneficiaries under the programme need to be consulted in the entire process of allocations as well as construction. Steps must also be taken to allot the houses before the actual construction so as to generate interest and participation of the beneficiaries in the construction, completing and occupation processes. Further, the list once suggested by the Village Gram Sabha or the Village Gram Panchayat should be got approved by the Block Development Officer or Thasildar as the case may be, for the implementation of the scheme under their technical assistance and guidance.

3. Another point which deserves attention of all concerned in the implementation of the scheme is creation of services and facilities near the sites where the construction of the houses will be made. The guidelines indicate drinking water supply, sanitation, smokeless chullah as on illustration. As far as possible, there should be additional infrastructure facilities in the vicinity which could be easily and readily drawn from institutions like schools, hospitals, public distribution centers shops and markets by the beneficiaries. Similarly the beneficiaries should be able to take advantage of the Nirmiti Kendras (Building Resource Centres) established by HUDCO, spread over 350 locations all over the country, which are in a position to provide technical back-up to the programmes. Proposals separately are under consideration of Government of India to activate the existing Kendra's or set up additional ones depending upon the resources to be made available to HUDCO. A Task Force has recently been constituted in the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment, Government of India for rendering services, technical or otherwise, to the programme to facilitate management and operationalisation. I am therefore to request you to closely monitor the implementation of the programme and achieve the target set for the state in full and guide the field staff in this major initiative to provide the rural poor with reasonable dwelling units and proceed to satisfy their expectations for a reassuring future.

4. I am therefore to request that all the implementing agencies may be asked to ensure that finalization of the beneficiaries list by the village panchayats and got approved by the concerned

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panchayat unions and also to request that of the 60% of the IAY reserved for SC/ST, which will also include weavers below poverty line and more backward among these and the 40% earmarked for the non SC/ST, which will include all other castes below poverty line but where preference may be given to the most backward (depressed) amongst these must be allotted under IAY without fail. In all houses constructed under IAY, the fact of their being financed from these funds must be clearly mentioned and the name of the scheme clearly displayed.

5. I am to request you to take into account the above suggestions while implementing the scheme in this state.

for SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT