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10.13 Delay in release of funds under Centrally sponsored Schemes to Panchayat unions / Village Panchayats

FOR PERSONAL ATTENTION
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To
All Collectors

Sir,

Sub : Delay in release of funds under Centrally sponsored Schemes to Panchayat Unions/
Village panchayats – Reg;

It is noticed that the funds relating to IAY, 65% JRY, Jeevandhara Wells and CRSP (Individual household latrines) have not yet been released by DRDAs or have not yet reached the Village Panchayats in several districts. As a result, the scheme works entrusted to Village Panchayats are held up.

Similarly delays are noticed in the release of funds under EAS, 15% JRY and 20% JRY, CRSP (School Latrines) etc, to Panchayat Unions.

The Collectors are requested to release the funds immediately to panchayat Unions and Village Panchayats and other implementing agencies (Agricultural Engineering Department etc.) withholding only that sum of money which is needed for the immediate purchase of cement, steel, doors and windows, pans, bitumen etc. On no account should the funds be retained in DRDA. Under the notion that the implementing agencies will "misuse the funds" if released too early. The funds are meant only for the implementing agencies and DRDA is only a canalizing agency through which the funds are routed and the funds should not normally remain stuck in DRDA for more than 15 days from the date of receipt of Central share and State share by DRDA.

In this connection, all collectors are requested to monitor the closing balance of the bank account in which the scheme funds (IRD/TRYSEM/IAY/JRY/MWS/EAS/CRSP) are kept at the district headquarters by direction the PO, DRDA to submit a statement on the first Monday and 3rd Monday of every month.

In spite of specific instruction to the effect that the cheques/DDs relating to IAY, 65% JRY and CRSP (Individual household latrines) should be sent by PO, DRDA directly to the Village Panchayats by post, it is noticed that in some districts, these cheques are being handed over to ABDO (Pts.) Probably because the DRDA office doesn't want to take on the responsibility of despatching several hundred envelopes. The ABDO (Pts.) are delaying the distribution of cheques to the Village Panchayats and expect the Village Panchayat Presidents to come and collect the cheques from the Block Office.

Collectors are requested to give strict instruction to the Project Officers of DRDAs to the effect that the cheques should not be routed through ABDO (Pts.). It should be set directly under Certificate of posting or RPAD to the Village Panchayat Presidents.

It is also noticed that the fund release proceedings' and the cheques or DDs are being sent to the Village Panchayats Separately and Not together. As a result, the Village Panchayat may not be able to keep track of the DDs/Cheques received. It must be remembered that there is single 'Scheme Fund Account' at the Village panchayat level into which all the scheme moneys – whether JRY/IAY/CRSP/MWS etc. are deposited. Collectors are therefore requested to always mail the proceedings and DDs together in respect of scheme funds.

The following percentage of funds is suggested to be deducted towards the cost of cement, steel, bitumen, doors and windows, pans etc. under various schemes while releasing funds (The percentage of deduction should be some what more at the time of release of Ist

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instalment and less at the time of release of 2nd instalment as steel, cement etc. are purchased more at the beginning of the year).

	% of deduction
1. JRY15 and 20% component	40 to 50%
2. JRY 65% component	10 to 20%
3. IAY	40 to 50%
4. MWS	0 to 5%
5. EAS	20 to 25%
6. CRSP	20 to 25%

The above percentages are only indicative.

The progress in release of funds will be reviewed hereafterwards in the monthly review meeting of Projects Officers, DRDA.

K. ASHOK VARDHAN SHETTY
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