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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHRAM SHAKTI BHAWAN, RAFI MARG,  
NEW DELHI-110119

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D. O. No. S-27025/2/2020-CL

Dear Madam,

As you are aware National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme, a Central Sector scheme aims at identification, withdrawal and rehabilitation of children in employment. Under this scheme, Ministry of Labour and Employment releases Grants in Aid to the District Project Society, set up under the chairmanship of concerned District Collector / District Magistrate to operate Special Training Centres (STCs). The children in the age group of 9 - 14 years are rescued / withdrawn from work and enrolled in these NCLP Special Training Centres, where they are provided bridge education, vocational training, mid-day meal, stipend, health care, etc. before being mainstreamed into formal education system.

The scheme is implemented as per the NCLP guidelines. However, due to Covid 19 Pandemic, and with the lockdown announced in the country in last week of March 2020, it is quite probable that the STCs under NCLP Scheme may have been non-operational at their physical locations. Keeping this in view, Ministry of Labour and Employment relaxed the norms for release of financial grants for the period April, 2020 to September 2020. Ministry of Labour and Employment, took another decision to release the Financial grants for a further period of Oct'2020 to March'2021, i.e. for the entire Financial Year 2020-21 on the relaxed norms.

To facilitate release of Grants, the Ministry requested the concerned District Magistrates / District Project Societies, time and again, to send the requisite documents such as Utilization Certificate, Letter of Intent, audited financial statements, etc. The latest such communication was sent by the Ministry on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, vide which the concerned District Magistrate / District Collector - cum-Chairman of District Project Societies was requested to send along with other documents, the following documents in respect of the period that the STCs were non-operational at their physical locations:

- i. Verification by the Volunteers of the STCs about continuation of the enrolled children at the STC, and this to be duly cross-verified by the District Project Society.

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- ii. Verification certificate by Chairman / District Magistrate of the Project Society certifying that the staff of the Project Society were actively engaged in the activities related to prevention and rehabilitation of Child Labour during 2020-21.
- iii. Certificate by the Chairman / District Magistrate certifying that the staff of STCs were actively engaged in preventing children from slipping back into child labour; and made alternative arrangement (for the benefit of children enrolled before pandemic) to give bridge education to the enrolled children

Details of the children who continue to be enrolled at the STC during the pandemic period are also required. And the District Project Society also needs to upload the bank details of the children enrolled at these STCs, and their due validation on PENCIL portal for payment of stipend to the enrolled children.

However, the response from most project societies is still awaited.

I shall be grateful if you could kindly issue necessary directions to the District Magistrates concerned so that NCLP Project Society under their chairmanship could furnish the requisite details to enable this Ministry to consider the release of the financial grants.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,  
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