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Dear Shri Das,

The State Governments are proposing the projects of private institutions in their annual priority lists for funding under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) However, in some cases it has been noticed that the State Governments are not contributing the 10% State share in the projects on their sanction but passing on the burden to the private institutions.

2. You are well aware that the funding under the NLCPR scheme is on 90:10 basis (Central Grant :State Share). Hence, if the State Government proposes a project under NLCPR for funding it is presumed that they have done it after knowing the scheme and its pattern of funding. Therefore, it is mandatory for the State Governments to contribute 10% State share in all the projects proposed under NLCPR on their sanction.

3. Also, if the State Government does not contribute its share it will have direct impact on the quality of the construction/works of the project since it amounts to reduction in the approved project cost by 10% and may delay its implementation.

4. In view of above, I would like to clarify that it is mandatory for the State Government to contribute 10% State share in all the projects they have proposed under NLCPR. If they do not want to contribute 10% State share in any specific project they should indicate it in the priority list appropriately for consideration of the NLCPR Committee.

5. It has also came to our notice that the specifications of the NLCPR projects approved by this Ministry are being changed during implementation without taking prior approval of the Ministry/NLCPR Committee which is not appropriate. If there are any compelling reasons requiring change in approved specifications prior approval of the Ministry of DoNER is mandatory otherwise it will be considered as expenditure made on non-approved items and may attract Audit objections. For any such expenditure or increase in cost due to change in specifications without our prior approval this Ministry will not be accountable and the State Government has to bear it from its own resources.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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