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To,

All District Collectors –cum-Head of District level committee of REDRH Project, Government of Sikkim

Subject: Finalizing the freezing of beneficiaries under the REDRH project

Sir,

In order to freeze the beneficiary prioritization process, a coordination meeting on REDRH was held on 5th Aug, 2013. In this meeting the ADCs (Dev) informed that after covering all the eligible beneficiaries, there will be a surplus of 988 beneficiaries. Similarly, ADCs (Dev) East district informed that they have a surplus of 175 after taking into account those in rural pockets of urban areas as well. While the ADCs (Dev) of South informed that there is a deficit to the tune of 800 and ADCs West informed that there is a deficit to the tune of 363 of the eligible beneficiaries who have been left out. Hence, it was decided that this surplus of 1,163 houses of North and East Districts can be transferred to South and West Districts as indicated below:

District	Initial target	Achievement till date	Revised target [#]	Remarks
North*	2,988	1,981	2,000	Surplus of 988
East*	2,596	2,199	2,421	Surplus of 175
South	911	911	1,711	Deficit of 800
West	1,477	1,477	1,840	Deficit of 363
Total	7,972	6,568	7,972	

^{*} includes the two GPUs of East District namely Navey Shotak and Lingdok Nampong

[#] This is an estimated figure and actual number will be known after the beneficiary selection criteria is exercised in the Gram Sabha

Accordingly, the approval of the Government has been obtained for:

- Permitting the districts to take up redistribution of surplus physical target of 1,163 beneficiaries from North (988) and East districts (175) to the eligible households of South district (800) and West district (363), with the overall physical target of 7972 beneficiaries remaining the same. Final harmonization between the districts will be done by the Department, based on actual beneficiaries identified following the prescribed process subject to the cap of 7,972.
- Permitting the districts to take up fully/severely damaged houses located in the rural
 pockets of the urban local bodies and not being covered in any other scheme. For these
 houses finalized in the urban local bodies, the implementation will be from the nearest
 GVK and beneficiary selection criteria exercised in the ward sabha following all other
 standard guidelines and operational framework of REDRH.
- Permitting the districts to take up houses which came into the fully/severely damaged category subsequently due to after-shocks.

This strategy of harmonizing the targets based on a realistic assessment of the damage will ensure that the errors of inclusion in North and East Districts and errors of exclusion in South and West District will both be avoided. Also, this will give a fillip to the early completion of this project as the reconstruction of these 1,163 houses will be initiated in the South and West Districts in earnest.

Hence, all the ADCs (Dev) need to expedite the beneficiary freezing process and update the same in the MIS after following the prescribed process as detailed in the Operational Guidelines.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary-RMDD

CC:

- 1. Secretary LR&DMD –cum- State Relief Commissioner
- 2. Secretary RM&DD
- **3. Related officers of RMDD Head Office** [SS-I, II, CE, ACE(N/E), AD (Accts), SE(stores), JS(MGNREGA)]
- **4.** All ADCs (Dev) to expedite the freezing and ensure that the revised targets are not exceeded
- 5. All GVAs to ensure that the beneficiary selection criteria is exercised in the gram sabha