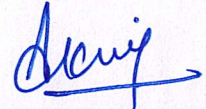


**Circular**

**Subject: Clarification on the recipient of Higher Awardees than Shilp Guru for availing Financial Assistance in Indigent Circumstances under component of Direct Benefit to Artisans of NHDP Scheme -reg.**

It is to inform you that, as per scheme guidelines "Master craftspersons who are the recipient of Shilp Guru Awards, National Awards or Merit Certificates or State Awards or any other bigger award than above will be eligible for being considered for financial assistance".

2. It has been noticed that many field offices do not recommend awardees other than Shilp Guru Awards, National Awards or Merit Certificates or State Awards for financial assistance under indigent circumstances even if the awardee is having award higher than these.
3. Accordingly, it is again clarified that Padma awards (Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Shri) shall be considered as bigger award than Shilp Guru Awards, National Awards or Merit Certificates or State Awards for the purpose of extending benefits of Financial Assistance in Indigent Circumstances under component of Direct Benefit to Artisans of NHDP Scheme.
4. Therefore, all the field offices are hereby directed to adhere to scheme guidelines of NHDP while recommending the applications for Financial Assistance in Indigent Circumstances under component of Direct Benefit to Artisans which is subject to other eligibility criteria as mention in the scheme guidelines of NHDP.



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