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**Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)**

West Block No.7, R.K. Puram,  
New Delhi-110066  
Dated 30.06.2016

**Subject : Forwarding of Minutes of the Meeting regarding Standing Finance Committee (SFC) Memo on National Handicrafts Development Programme held on 23.06.2016 in the chamber of Secretary (Textiles), Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of the meeting held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Textiles) on 23.06.2016 in her Chamber for your kind information.

Yours faithfully,

Encl. As stated above.

Sd/-  
[V.P.Thakur]  
Deputy Director (Handicrafts)

To,

1. The Regional Directors/Deputy Director (In-charge) (NR,CR,ER,SR,WR and NER) with the request to forward the same in their field formations.
2. Shri Sandeep Khurana, Scientist 'D' NIC, O/o DC(Handicrafts) with the request to upload the same on our official website.
3. All DDs/Sr. ADs/ADs/AOs at Headquarter office, O/o DC(Handicrafts) New Delhi.
4. The Managing Director (CCIC) Janpath, New Delhi.
5. The CMD, HHEC, Janpath, New Delhi.
6. The Executive Director (EPCH, NCDPD, COHANDS), New Delhi.
7. Director IICT, Bhadohi, & IICT Srinagar

## **Minutes of Standing Finance Committee (SFC) Meeting on National Handicrafts Development Programme.**

A meeting of the Standing Finance Committee (SFC) was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Textiles) in her Chamber on 23.06.2016 at 11.00 A.M.

The following officers participated in the meeting:

1. Shri J.K.Dadoo, AS&FA, Ministry of Textiles. New Delhi.
2. Smt. Pushpa Subrahmanyam, Addl. Secy. M/o Textiles. New Delhi.
3. Dr K.Gopal, DC(Handicrafts) O/o DC(Handicrafts)
4. Shri R.V.S. Mani, Deputy Secretary (IFW), Ministry of Textiles,
5. Ms. Swati Singla, Asstt. Director, D/o Expenditure, M/o Finance.
6. Shri P.K.Khullar, Research Associate, NITI Aayog, New Delhi

The following officers from Office of the DC(Handicrafts) also attended the meeting.

1. Shri S.Gaikwad, ADC(Handicrafts) O/o DC(Handicrafts)
2. Shri S.K.Jha, Sr. Director (Handicrafts) O/o DC(Handicrafts)
3. Shri P.K. Thakur, Director (Handicrafts) O/o DC(Handicrafts)
4. Shri V.P.Thakur, Deputy Director (C&P), O/o DC(Handicrafts)
5. Shri Anirudh Kapil, Assistant Director (C&P), O/o DC(Handicrafts)

Secretary [Textiles] welcomed all the members of the SFC and thereafter the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) apprised the Committee on the proposed changes to be incorporated in the NHDP in the light of the practical difficulties being faced during the actual implementation of the various schemes. After detailed deliberations, the following decisions were taken by the Committee for implementation within the budget allocation and for the remaining period of 12<sup>th</sup> Plan.

### **1. Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme**

- (i) It was decided to increase the stipend from existing Rs. 150/- to Rs. 300/- in respect of Design and Technology Workshops and Integrated Design Projects for all the artisans including SC/ST artisans.
- (ii) Committee agreed to include one mastercraftsman at a wage compensation of Rs. 30,000/- per month during development of prototypes and training (for one month in case of Design Workshop and 3 months in case of Integrated Design Projects).
- (iii) Under the programme namely Assistance to Exporter and Entrepreneurs for Design prototype, a decision has been taken to enhance the designer's fee from existing Rs. 20,000/- per month to Rs.30,000/- per month for a period not exceeding six months.

## **2. Human Resource Development Scheme**

- (i) It was decided to increase the stipend from existing Rs. 150/- to Rs. 300/- in respect of Training through Established Institutions, Handicrafts Training Programme, Training through Guru Shishya Parampara Scheme for all the artisans including SC/ST artisans.
- (ii) Similarly a decision was taken under Training the trainers (ToT) programme to enhance the wage compensation from existing Rs. 150/- to Rs. 400/- appreciating the fact that under this programme only the skilled artisans and mastercraftpersons participate as trainees who's wage earnings will be generally high.
- (iii) The eligibility criteria under NHDP has been relaxed to include the State Awardees under Guru Shishya Parampara to take up training programmes in crafts registered under Geographical Indication act (GI Act) and languishing crafts etc.

## **3. Direct Benefit to Artisans Scheme**

- (i) It has been decided to increase Financial Assistance to the artisans under indigent circumstances from existing Rs.3000/- to Rs. 3500/- per month.
- (ii) To avail the Financial Assistance under indigent circumstances, the limit of annual income of the artisans is raised from Rs.30,000/- to Rs. 50,000/- in case of General category artisans and Rs.30,000/- may be retained in case of SC/ST category artisans
- (iii) It has been decided to enhance interest subvention from 3% to 6 % with a maximum ceiling of Rs. 1,00,000/- at par and in parity with other departments like Handlooms and Powerloom etc. within Textiles Ministry.

## **4. Marketing Support & Services Scheme**

- (i) Committee decided to enhance the DA to the artisans under Domestic marketing programmes like Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, Craft Bazaar, Exhibitions, Hiring of built-up space etc. from existing Rs. 100/- to Rs.150/-.
- (ii) Reimbursement of freight charges has been enhanced from Rs.1000/- to Rs. 1500/- for all the artisans.

## **5. Research and Development Scheme**

- (i) Committee decided to enhance the DA to the artisans to attend the Seminars/Workshops from Rs. 100/- to Rs. 150/-

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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