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Government of India
Ministry of Textiles
Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Approval of the minutes of Standing Finance Committee (SFC) Meeting on “National Handicrafts Development Programme”.

A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Hon’ble Minister of Textiles on 31st August 2016 at 1.00 P.M. in the presence of Secretary (Textiles), Addl. Secretary (PS), Addl. Secretary & Financial Advisor, Director (Expenditure) and DC(Handicrafts), wherein the matter of the decisions taken in the meeting of SFC held on 23rd June 2016 regarding modifications in certain parameters of some components in NHDP were discussed. As per the deliberation held in the said meeting, following need to be ensured at Regional Directors/Deputy Directors (I/C)/Assistant Directors level etc.:

1. The ongoing exercise of renewal/issue of identity cards should be streamlined and taken up in campaign mode through wide publicity and organizing camps in the field offices of DC(Handicrafts), so that the exercise is largely completed by December 2016. In the process the bank account details of the beneficiary should also be collected to facilitate Direct Benefit Transfer.

2. A feedback system to be devised to ensure the I-cards are being issued and organize events for its distribution.

3. It should be ensured that designers/master craftpersons are selected on the basis of well-defined benchmarks and particularly the mastercraftpersons are such neutral persons who are committed to upliftment of artisans.

All concerned are accordingly requested to ensure that the above mentioned action points are followed and accomplished well within the stipulated time frame.

The matter may be dealt giving top priority.

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