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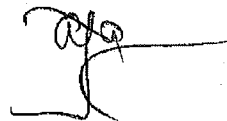
To

The Chief Secretary (all State Governments)  
The Administrator (all UT Administrations)  
The District Magistrate/The Collector (All)

**Subject: - Modifications In the Central Sector Scheme for the Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour, 2016 – regarding.**

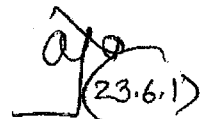
On the basis of feedbacks received from various stakeholders and with the approval of the Competent Authority, certain modifications have been made in the Central Sector Scheme for the Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour, 2016, as mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Gist of existing provisions	Amended provisions
1.	Central Government will reimburse the expenditure made by the States on Survey, Awareness Generation and Evaluatory Studies up to the financial limits prescribed in the Scheme [Para 5(x, xl, xil) of the 2016 Scheme].	Central Government will give 50% of the amount required for conducting Survey, Awareness Generation and Evaluatory Studies in advance. A State may conduct survey once in every three years per sensitive district. A State may conduct five Evaluatory Studies per year.
2.	District Magistrate will submit financial claim to the district NCLP Society which in turn will submit the demand to the Central Government. The Central Government will release funds to the District NCLP Society for onward release to the District Administration. [Para 6 & 7 of the 2016 Scheme]	The fund release architecture in operation prior to 2016 Scheme will be followed and the existing NCLP route has been done away with in view of the fact that many of the districts of a State do not have NCLP Society. The District Administration will send the financial demand to the State's concerned Ministry/ Department dealing with the BLR scheme and the State Ministry/ Department will send the proposal to the Central Government. Routing of proposals and release of fund



		through the State's Ministry/Department will be helpful both for the Centre and the State in monitoring the implementation of the Scheme.
3.	Immediate assistance of Rs. 20,000/- (increased from 5 thousand to 20 thousand w.e.f. 17.01.2017) to be provided by the District Administration to the rescued person out of the District Bonded Labour Rehabilitation Fund linked to conviction of the accused. <b>[Para 5(xiv) ]</b>	Immediate assistance upto Rs. 20,000/- may be provided to the rescued bonded labour by the District Administration irrespective of the status of conviction proceedings.
4(i).	The <b>Format for Release Certificate</b> appended to the 2016 Scheme does not capture the caste category of the rescued bonded labourer	The entry at S. No. 1 of the Format for Release Certificate shall be substituted with the following expression: <b>"1. Name and Caste Category of the rescued bonded labourer:"</b> (It is necessary as the budget has separate provision for SC and ST)
4(ii).	The Release Certificate requires date of conviction and release order ( <i>meaning thereby that a Release Certificate is to be issued after the conviction proceeding has concluded</i> ).	So as to enable issuance of Release Certificate at the time of release of rescued bonded laborer prior to conclusion of conviction proceedings, it has been decided to do away with replace the existing entries at <b>S. no. 16 to 19</b> in the <b>Format for Release Certificate</b> .

2. It is requested to ensure that the modification in the 2016 Scheme as mentioned above are circulated among all concerned.

  
(23.6.17)

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