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Sub.: Minutes of the Joint Review Meeting (online) held under the Chairmanship of the DDG(SSPU) on 10.12.2021 to review the status of implementation of SSS sub-scheme in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

A virtual Joint Review Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the DDG (SSPU) on 10.12.2021 to review the status of implementation of SSS sub-scheme in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

2. The list of participants is at Annexure.
3. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the participants and called the meeting to order. Thereupon, the Chairman invited JD(SSPU) to apprise the participants of the status of implementation of the sub-scheme in the State. It was stated that out of the total allocation of Rs.42.16 Crore, an amount of Rs.11.04 Crore has been released by the Ministry as first installment which is inclusive of the seed money of Rs.10 Lakh. The seed money had been fully refunded by the State. As on November, 2021, the expenditure reported by the State stands at Rs.7.47 Crore.
4. Following this, detailed deliberations were held on the activities delineated in the signed MoU, which are summarized as under:
 - (i) In respect of activity *1(a) Development of GIS based State Statistical Portal*, it was informed by DES that the portal has already been completed in which data related to 20 core statistics is being reflected and the same are being regularly updated. It was desired by the Chairman that portal link may be shared with the Ministry. It was also highlighted that Rs.15 Lakh has been refunded to the PFMS Bank account by RSAC, Lucknow (executing agency for activity 1(a)) resulting in a decrease in expenditure under the sub-scheme to Rs.7.47 Crore from Rs.7.62 Crore, as per MPR received for the month of November, 2021. The DES has already requested RSAC to refund. The DES was requested to follow up the matter with RSAC for expediting the refund of unspent amount.

- (ii) As far as compilation of key statistics and their periodicity are concerned, it was informed by DES that it has been compiling key statistical indicators, namely, CPI, WPI and IIP on a monthly basis. It was further informed that quick data transition, as a result of development of the State Statistical Portal, is facilitating the timely compilation of these indicators.
- (iii) With regard to SDG related activities, it was informed by the DES that further approval for executing the activities is being sought by the Chief Secretary as the same was earlier obtained upto 30th June, 2021. The DES was requested to expedite the implementation of SDG related activities and provide an action plan along with tentative timelines for the same.
- (iv) In respect of activity 3(b) *Preparation of GFCF estimates of Corporate sector of Uttar Pradesh*, the DES was advised to seek technical guidance, if required, of the National Accounts Division (NAD), MoSPI. The DES has also been advised to seek technical guidance/support, if required, from the Ministry in respect of other activities.
- (v) In respect of activity 3(u) *Estimation of number of stray cattles in Bundelkhand region of the State and study on their impact on region's economy*, the DES was requested to confirm whether the requisite data has been captured in the Cattle Census 2019.
- (vi) As far as activities related to trainings/workshops are concerned, the DES informed that the Training Division of the Department is conducting the trainings/workshops free of cost as a result of which no expenditure is being reported under these activities. The Chairman opined that even if no expenditure is being incurred, the DES may show physical progress in the MPRs. It was also suggested that training sessions may be conducted for smaller batches following covid protocols or through online mode so that targets set in the MoU be achieved.
- (vii) Soft copy of Reports, alongwith their URLs, published under the sub-scheme may be provided to the Ministry for record purposes.
- (viii) The DES was requested to specify in the MPR the expected date of start and completion of the activities which are yet to be initiated.
- (ix) With regard to the dropped activities, it was suggested that DES may not mark these activities as 'dropped' as of now and may consider taking up these activities later on, if found feasible. In case, a final decision is taken for dropping of the activities, the same may be intimated to the Ministry after approval of the State HLSC.
- (x) As the DES is having over Rs. 3 Crore of funds available with them as savings, it was suggested that these funds may be utilized for taking up other activities or the activities which are yet to be initiated subject to the condition that upper ceiling of allocation of respective component shall remain intact.

5. The DES was further requested not to reflect the *transferred amount or the amount given in advance* as expenditure in the MPR. The same may be reported in the MPR when actual expenditure has been incurred. It was also emphasized that EAT module of the

PFMS may be strictly followed for effective monitoring of funds utilized. Also, in order to ensure proper and effective utilization of funds, the DES may transfer the funds to the line departments on just-in-time basis. The DES was further requested to ensure that the line departments/agencies, to which funds are transferred, open a savings bank account and that the interest so accrued is refunded to the Government of India through Bharat Kosh Portal.

6. The DES was also requested to utilize the funds lying with the State treasury first and then utilize the amount released in the savings bank account. This was also advised while conveying approval of the competent authority for revalidation of the unspent amount of Rs.0.34982 Crore lying with the State treasury, vide this Ministry's letter dated 15.07.2021.

7. The DES was requested to rephrase the line "Expenditure on dropped items" given in the "Details of released funds" section of the MPR as "Expenditure on the items covered in the earlier MoU under CSS pattern".

8. In order to ensure effective monitoring and better implementation of the Scheme, this Ministry has reiterated that the Joint Review Meetings chaired by the Deputy Director General (SSPU), MoSPI, be attended by the Director, State (DES).

9. Action Taken on the points discussed in the meeting shall be furnished by the State DES to this Ministry positively within a fortnight.

10. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of participants

Ministry of Statistics & PI, GOI:

1. Shri Rajesh Bhatia, DDG - Chairman
2. Ms.Neha Srivastava, Director
3. Shri Badal Kumar, Joint Director
4. Ms.A. Kiruthika, Deputy Director

DES, Government of Uttar Pradesh:

1. Ms. Divya Sarin Mehrotra, Joint Director
2. Shri Vinod Kumar, Deputy Director
3. Ms. Vaswati Mukherjee, Additonal Statistical Officer
4. Shri Dinesh Kumar, Additonal Statistical Officer
5. Shri Rajendra Prasad, Additonal Statistical Officer