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MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT
SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110 001
Website: <http://www.wcd.nic.in>

D.O. No. 18/3/2016-Nirbhaya

Dated : 22nd June, 2020

Dear Chief Secretary,

Please refer to this Ministry's DO letters of even number dated 10th April, 2017, 1st August, 2017 and 25th April, 2019 requesting to send innovative proposals aiming at enhancing the safety and security of women and girls under the 'Framework for Nirbhaya Fund'. The Framework for Nirbhaya Fund detailing the required contours for such proposals is available on the Ministry's website www.wcd.nic.in, under the caption 'Schemes'. Accordingly, any project proposed under this framework will need to have direct impact on safety and security concerns of women, should optimally use existing infrastructure, technology and should not be duplicating over existing government schemes/ programmes. Further, they should provide for real time intervention as far as possible, while taking due care regarding privacy and confidentiality of women's identity and information. Their monitoring mechanisms from ground to the national level, and the systems of measuring and reporting outputs and outcomes, including the absolute/ estimated numbers of beneficiaries, need to be clearly laid out in the proposal. Lastly, the commitment of the State Government/ UT Administration towards the financial and other support as required for successful implementation of the project, and as delineated in the 'framework', needs to be communicated alongwith the project proposal.

2. The Ministry of Women & Child Development has been seeking good quality project proposals (for strengthening/ enhancing safety and security of women and girls) from the Departments of State Governments/ UT Administrations dealing with matters of women and girls, for funding from the kitty of Nirbhaya Fund available with this Ministry. However, the proposals meeting the requirements of the format of the 'framework' received in response till now, have been somewhat limited.

4. I shall be grateful if you could kindly sensitize and encourage the Departments dealing with matters of women and girls in your State/ UT to formulate and send good and innovative proposals as per the Nirbhaya Framework guidelines for enhancing the safety and security of women/ girls with the help of the budget of Nirbhaya Fund presently available with this Ministry. I am confident that by taking up such initiatives in the right earnest, together we can make our country a better and safer place for all the women and girls to grow and prosper.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

(Ajay Tirkey)

Chief Secretaries of the all State Governments/ UT Administrations.



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No.CS/ E-1459317/2020

Sir,

I am directed to convey that the Chief Secretary has received D.O. letter No.18/3/2016-Nirbhaya, dated 22nd June, 2020 from Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, regarding to send innovative proposals as per the Nirbhaya Framework guidelines for enhancing the safety and security of women/girls.

Further, the letter has been forwarded to Smt. Nagambhika Devi, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Women & Child Development & Empowerment of Differently Abled & Senior Citizens Department (Phone No. 080-22253991, Fax No.080-22251011, e-mail:prlsecy-wc@karnataka.gov.in), Sri.Dayanand, IAS, Director, Women & Child Development & Empowerment of Differently Abled & Senior Citizens Department (Phone No. 080-22353776, e-mail:directorwcd01@gmail.com) and Smt. Pallavi Akurathi, IAS, Director, ICPS (Phone No. 080-22379781, e-mail:icps.kar@gmail.com) to take necessary action in this regard.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-

(TUKARAM KALYANKAR)

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2. Sri.Dayanand, IAS, Director, Women & Child Development & Empowerment of Differently Abled & Senior Citizens Department, Bengaluru.
3. Smt. Pallavi Akurathi, IAS, Director, ICPS, Bengaluru.

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Ministry of Women and Child Development Government of India

Subject: Guidelines for Proposals from Central Government Ministries/Departments, States/UTs to be funded under the Nirbhaya Fund

Read:-

1. O.M. No. 15(26)-B(D)/2013 – DEA, Ministry of Finance dated 25th March, 2015
2. O.M. No.15(26)/B(D)/2013- Part II– DEA, Ministry of Finance dated 26th October, 2015
3. O.M. No. 24(35)/PF-II/2012– DoE (PF-II Div.), Ministry of Finance dated 29th August, 2014
4. O.M. No. 15(26)/B(D)/2013 – DEA, Ministry of Finance dated 6th January, 2016

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Women safety issues cut across sectors and can range from domestic to public sphere as well as the workplace. Violence in public spaces is an everyday occurrence for women and girls around the world, both in urban and rural areas. Women and girls experience various types of violence in public spaces from harassment to assault including stalking, molestation, rape etc. Women face violence on streets, public transport and parks, in and around schools and workplaces, in public sanitation facilities and water and food distribution sites, or in their own neighbourhoods. This reality reduces women's and girls' freedom of movement. It reduces their ability to participate in school, work and in public life. It limits their access to essential services, and enjoyment of cultural and recreational opportunities. It also negatively impacts their health and well-being. Violence against women and girls in public spaces impedes women empowerment by restricting their mobility and is therefore recognized as women rights violation.

1.2 In view of the above, Government has set up Nirbhaya Fund .The Nirbhaya Fund is being administered by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance . The Nirbhaya Fund can be utilized for projects for women safety and security. In O.M. No.1 cited above, Ministry of Women and Child Development is the nodal authority for appraising/recommending the proposals/schemes to be funded under Nirbhaya fund.

1.3 Central Government Ministries/Departments and State Governments/UT Administrations may formulate proposals factoring in women safety issues in their sector within the public sphere for seeking funding under Nirbhaya Fund.

The concerned State Government/Department will formulate a proposal for women security and safety with regard to their specific sector (for example - road transport, police, power etc.) and submit the same to concerned Central Government Ministry/Department with an advance copy to the Secretary (also Chairperson of Empowered Committee), Ministry of Women and Child Development, Room No. 601, A Wing, Shastri Bhawan, Dr.Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110001.

1.4 Proposals of UT Administrations will be routed through the Ministry of Home Affairs.

2. MODALITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME

2.1 **Composition of Empowered Committee of Officers:** In O.M. No.2 cited in the beginning, an Empowered Committee of Officers was constituted for appraising/recommending the various schemes/projects by the Ministries/Departments/State Governments to be funded from the Nirbhaya Fund. The composition of the Empowered Committee is as under:

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| (i) Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development | : Chairman |
| (ii) Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs | : Member |
| (iii) Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways | : Member |
| (iv) Chairman, Railway Board | : Member |

- (v) Secretary, Department of Electronic & IT : Member
 - (vi) Joint Secretary, DEA : Member
 - (vii) Secretary of the Project Sponsoring Department : Member
 - (viii) Secretary of the concerned State Government Department : Member
 - (ix) Secretary, State Deptt. of Women & Child Development : Member
 - (x) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development : Convener
- (For State proposals, the members from Sl. No. (vii) to (ix) are to be co-opted as per the requirement of the project).**

3. Formulation of Proposals:

- 3.1 Central Government Ministries/Departments may formulate proposals factoring in women safety issues in their sector within the public sphere and send to the Ministry of Women and Child Development for appraisal and recommendation of the projects/schemes to be funded under Nirbhaya fund.
- 3.2 At the State/UT level, the concerned State Government Department will formulate a proposal for women security and safety with regard to their specific sector (for example - road transport, police, power etc.) and submit the same to concerned Central Government Ministry/Department with an advance copy to the Secretary (also the Chairperson, Empowered Committee) Ministry of Women and Child Development for appraisal and recommendation of the proposal.
- 3.3 Ministries/Departments of the Central Government will send the proposal with their recommendations/comments to the Empowered Committee within a week of receipt of such proposals from the concerned State Governments/Departments.
- 3.4 The Empowered Committee will take decision on the recommendation of schemes/projects from Nirbhaya Fund within 15 days from the date of receipt of the proposal.
- 3.5 After recommendation by the Empowered Committee, the concerned Ministry/Department will place the proposal before the Competent Authority for

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approval with respect to the following financial limits (in the O.M. No.3&4 cited in the beginning):

- (i) Projects upto 100 crore - Secretary, Concerned Ministry
- (ii) Projects upto 100 to 500 crore - Minister in charge of the Concerned Ministry.
- (iii) Projects upto 500 to 1000 crore - Minister in charge of the Concerned Ministry/Department and Finance Ministry
- (iv) Above 1000 crore-Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA).

3.6 After obtaining the necessary approvals, subject to availability of funds, the Ministry of Women and Child Development could release the funds to the State Government or the concerned Ministry/Department shall take up the proposal with Budget Division, Ministry of Finance for necessary budgetary allocations from Nirbhaya Fund.

4. FUNDING PATTERN

- 4.1 The cost of projects/schemes of the State Government will be shared in the ratio of 60:40 (as per guidelines of Ministry of Finance) under Nirbhaya fund.
- 4.2 The funds for the projects/schemes shall be released following the procedures prescribed in GFR 2005.

5. MONITORING & EVALUATION

- 5.1 Administration, monitoring and reporting mechanism of the projects/schemes will be laid down by the Sponsoring Central Government Ministry/ Department. It is proposed that the monitoring and reporting mechanism to be followed at the State Government/U.T. level and at the level of the nodal (sponsoring) Central Government Ministry/Department should form a part of the proposal being forwarded to the Empowered Committee and should be considered by the committee while appraising the proposal.
