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Department of Rural Development  
(Rural Skills Division)

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**Sub: Revised Process Timelines for DDU-GKY Project commencement after PAC / EC Approval - reg.**

It is hereby stated that the Ministry has observed that projects which have not been able to commence training within the stipulated time, and/or, have also been unable to start training in sufficient batches to cover their first year targets, have found it difficult to achieve E2 certificate (i.e. certification on achievement of milestones for release of second installment). This has invariably delayed PIAs to obtain installments in a timely manner apart from impacting the project outcomes. This issue was discussed with stakeholders, State Governments, CTSA and PIAs, and after review of the SOP provisions, a general consensus emerged that with greater maturity in the DDU-GKY eco-system, the time lines for project commencement post-PAC approval may be reduced.

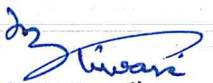
2. Notwithstanding provisions in the SOP, it is stated that the following time lines shall be applicable for "Inception phase" (as given in Table 1-2 "Timeline of major events" under Section 1.4):

Phase	Code	Major Event	Indicative time gap between the events	Existing provision
Inception phase	I <sub>0</sub>	PAC approval	0 day	
	I <sub>1</sub>	Uploading of approved PAC minutes by State	10 days after I <sub>0</sub>	No time limit specified
	I <sub>2</sub>	Issue of Sanction order, Execution of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by State and PIA after completion of any documentary requirements as notified by the State (including Performance Guarantee, submission of rental/ lease/ ownership deed of building identified for Training Center(s) for the project by PIA to State).	21 days after I <sub>1</sub> . <b>Note:</b> (i) In case MoU is not executed within the stipulated period, or the PIA is unable to produce lease deed to State, the sanction order shall stand as <b>deemed cancelled</b> . (ii) Minimum capacity of training center(s) has to be at least 10% of project target. (iii) PIA shall complete PPWS, opening of	20 working days after signing of sanction.

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			dedicated bank account and linking it to PFMS during this period.	
	I <sub>3</sub>	Release of 1 <sup>st</sup> installment and issue of Project Commencement order	5 days after I <sub>2</sub> .  <b>Note:</b> Where an installment release is issued after the stipulated time, the CEO/ MD of SRLM/State Skill Development Mission shall record his/her reasons in writing for the delay.	10 working days after execution of MoU
	I <sub>4</sub>	Submission of project execution readiness form	After I <sub>0</sub> to a maximum of 10 days after I <sub>3</sub>	No change
	I <sub>5</sub>	Submission of Due Diligence report for Training Center(s) by PIA to State	45 days from I <sub>3</sub>  <b>Note:</b> (i) Due diligence report for Training Center(s) has to be submitted for a minimum capacity of training center(s) to cover 10% of project target.	Before opening of a training center for training batch.
	I <sub>6</sub>	Due Diligence by State	10 days from I <sub>5</sub>  <b>Note:</b> (i) Due Diligence shall be considered as deemed approved by the State, unless CEO/MD of SRLM/State Skill Development Mission gives an extension of 15 days in writing to the concerned officer in-charge of approving the Due Diligence.	10 working days of receipt of DD report from PIA

Phase	Code	Major Event	Indicative time gap between the events	Existing provision
	I <sub>7</sub>	Training batch commencement	5 days from I <sub>6</sub>  <b>Note:</b> (i) A one-time extension for training batch commencement may be allowed to PIA in writing by the CEO/MD of SRLM/State Skill Development Mission. (ii) Minimum capacity of training batch commencement has to be at least 10% of project target.	120 working days from release of funds

3. The above shall not exempt a PIA from compliance with the provisions of clause (d) in section 3.1.1.1 regarding minimum trainings to be initiated in a year as per project duration.
4. Where a PIA is unable to commence a project/achieve the desired batch strength within the stipulated time as above, competent authority may levy a penalty. Details on penalty to be imposed shall be notified separately by Ministry.
5. The notification shall be applicable with immediate effect on all new approved projects. Provided that where a project has completed a major event as per schedule given above, the timelines applicable for further remaining events in the schedule shall be applicable.
6. This notification issues with the approval of Competent Authority and comes into force with immediate effect

  
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