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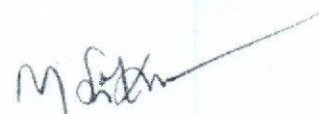
In supersession of the guidelines for the State Link Officers (SLO) referred above, fresh guidelines are issued as given below:

1. National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) in order to achieve its mandate of training and capacity building of rural development and panchayati raj functionaries and other stakeholders for sustainable rural development, there is a need for effective net working with State Governments through the respective State Institutes of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (SIRDPRs), Extension Training Centres (ETCs) and Panchayati Raj Training / Resource Centres apart from other Institutes involved in training and research. The SLO system is aimed at achieving the above, by liaising with the SIRDPRs/ ETCs and thus with the State Departments.
2. The networking and close coordination with SIRDPRs/ ETCs/ PR Training / Resource Centres is also critical for successful implementation of Training Calendar and Research initiatives of NIRDPR as the State level institutions have to successfully deliver the training as envisaged in the Training Calendar, especially network / off campus programmes. It is also essential to remember that the Training Calendars are prepared by adopting bottom-up approach to meet the training needs of the State functionaries wherein NIRDPR will be playing active role in creating the Master Trainers through Trainers Training Programmes. The networking by the SLOs for achieving the above, obviously have to be extended to State and sub-State level training institutions related to rural development and panchayati raj.
3. Thus, the SLOs are shouldering the profound responsibilities and take pro-active role for becoming "good will ambassador" and professional advisor / mentor to the State Training Institutions. It is also essential to involve the faculty of the State Training Institutions, by building their capacities in the research activities of NIRDPR in addition to promote research by their faculty.
4. Under the circumstances, the existing responsibilities and duties of SLOs have been revised and annexed as **Appendix-I**.
5. The allocation of States is also revised and enclosed in **Appendix-II**.
6. These guidelines will come into effect immediately so that the SLOs will effectively expand their reach and coverage of their activities into different States.

(p.t.o.)

7. The successful performance of SLOs will be an added feather in their cap while making annual performance assessment.
2. This issues with the approval of Director General, NIRDPR.

Encl: Appendix- I & II


Registrar & Director (Admn.)

To

All concerned SLOs

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1. SES to DG
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Appendix-I

The duties and responsibilities of NIRDPR State Link Officers (SLOs) to the States /SIRDPRs

1. SLOs are expected to visit the respective State/SIRDPR/ETCs at least once in a quarter. As far as possible this should be planned in such a way as to coincide with the meetings of the Managing Committee/Executive Committee of SIRDPRs/ETC held from time to time and the visits to adopted villages for taking up planned activities.
2. SLOs are also the members of State Level Coordination Committee/Advisory Committees of States related to RGSA/GPDP etc. They should effectively participate in these meetings and guide the States.
3. SLOs have to guide/mentor SIRDPRs and ETCs in training need assessment (TNA) and formulation of State Training Action Plans (STAPL) designing and conducting the training and research activities.
4. The SLOs may guide in organizing the programmes as planned and enable to achieve the 'targets' and 'achievements', by the SIRDPRs/ETCs etc.
5. SLOs shall enable regular flow of information, on continuous basis, about the trainings and research activities of SIRDPRs& ETCs and other training institutions involved in RD&PR activities to NIRDPR.
6. SLOs shall enable the SIRDPRs and ETCs to use Training Management Portal (TMP) for effective monitoring and data analysis by the SIRDPRs, States and Government of India.
7. MoRD is providing financial support for infrastructure development of SIRDs and ETCs, under the Central Scheme of "Management Support to Rural Development Programmes and Strengthening of District Planning Process". Ministry of Panchayati Raj provide funds under RGSA. The SLOs may assist the State Governments, SIRDPRs and ETCs in formulation of proposals seeking funding support under these scheme as per guidelines and keep track of the use of the same.
8. SLOs have to facilitate capacity building of the faculty members of SIRDs and ETCs by organizing Training of Trainers (ToT) programmes and facilitate sponsorship of the faculty for participation in the training programmes in India and abroad, within the approved parameters of NIRDPR, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
9. SLOs may document the success stories, best practices in the form of films case studies related to rural development for further dissemination. Also compile, collate good training practices, modules and other related material for creating a repository on RD&PR literature, through NIRDPR web-portal www.nird.org.in and Pragathi News Letter for wider dissemination.
10. SLOs have to help the State Governments and training institutions in promotion/dissemination of rural technologies and guide in establishing Rural Technologies Demonstrations Parks, within the approved norms of NIRDPR/MoRD.
11. SLOs should connect with senior State officers who can be the contact points/ friends of NIRDPR for effective participation and association with NIRDPR.

12. SLOs have to develop appropriate networking' between NIRDPR, SIRDs, ETCs and other institutions involved in RD & PR training so as to enhance the coverage of training and sharing of expertise.
13. SLOs will be responsible for dissemination of information relating to training, research, Action Research and Village Adoption activities of NIRDPR to the State Governments, SIRDPRs and ETCs, well in advance, so that the programmes being offered by NIRDPR are accessed optimally.
14. SLOs are required to help the other Centers at NIRDPR in organizing need based training programmes, workshops and seminars in SIRDs and ETCs based on the demands made by the respective State/SIRDPR.
15. SIRDs have designated their National Level Officers (NLOs) who will function as link person with NIRDPR. SLOs have to coordinate with NLOs of States assigned to them.
16. SLOs can handhold while filling out the SIRD grading sheet annually, designing the training course and training modules, preferably in vernacular languages
17. The senior faculty who have not been allocated to any State may guide the new incumbents and join wherever required for supporting the SLOs.
18. The Village Adoption programme will continue in the same cluster of villages, under the supervision of the new SLO allocated vide this Office Order. The SLO shall take detailed briefing from the previous SLO who has initiated Village adoption programme and continue the activities as planned or revised according to the situation.
19. SLOs are required to perform any other item of the work that may be entrusted by the Director General, NIRDPR from time to time.
20. SLOs will submit a report of their visit within 10 days of the respective visits, to the undersigned.

Appendix-II

List of State Link Officer (SLO)

Sl.No	State	Name of the faculty
1	Arunachal Pradesh*	Dr. M.K.Shrivastava, Asst. Professor (NERC-Guwahati)
2	Assam*	Dr.(Ms) Ratna Bhuyan, Asst. Professor (NERC-Guwahati)
3	Manipur*	Dr.A.Simhachalam, Asst. Professor (NERC-Guwahati)
4	Meghalaya*	Dr.V.Suresh Babu, Assoc. Professor (NERC-Guwahati)
5	Mizoram*	Dr.T.Vijayakumar, Assoc. Professor (NERC-Guwahati)
6	Nagaland*	Mr.P.P.Bhattacharjee, Asst. Professor (NERC-Guwahati)
7	Sikkim*	Dr.(Ms) Sucharita Pujari, Asst. Professor (CPGS)
8	Tripura*	Er. S.K Ghosh, Sr. CPA (NERC-Guwahati)
9	Andhra Pradesh	Dr.U. Hemanth Kumar, Assoc. Professor (CIARD)
10	Bihar	Dr.Rajesh Kumar Sinha, Asst. Professor (CSA)
11	Chhattisgarh	Dr.(Ms) P.Anuradha, Asst. Professor (CWE&L)
12	Goa	Dr.Srinivas Sajja, Asst. Professor (CSA)
13	Gujarat	Dr.G.V.Krishna Lohi Das, Asst. Professor (CWE&L)
14	Haryana	Er H. K. Solanki, Asst. Professor (CRI)
15	Himachal Pradesh	Dr.P Rajkumar, Asst. Professor (CWE&L)
16	Jammu & Kashmir	Shri K Rajeshwar, Asst. Professor (CGG&PA)
17	Jharkhand	Dr.Satya Ranjan Mahakul, Asst. Professor (CESD)
18	Karnataka	Dr.(Ms) V G Nitya, Asst. Professor (CAS)
19	Kerala	Dr.Jyothis Sathyapalan, Professor (CDC)
20	Madhya Pradesh	Dr.K. Prabhakar, Asst. Professor (CGG&PA)
21	Maharashtra	Dr.Digambar A Chimankar, Assoc. Professor (CWE&L)
22	Odisha	Dr.Anjan Kumar Bhanja, Assoc. Professor (CPR,DP&SSD)
23	Punjab	Dr. (Ms) Akansha Shukla, Assoc. Professor (CPGS&DE)
24	Rajasthan	Dr.Partha Pratim Sahu, Assoc. Professor (CGG&PA)
25	Tamil Nadu	Dr.(Ms) Vanishree Joseph, Asst. Professor (CGS&D)
26	Telangana	Dr.M.V. Ravibabu, Assoc. Professor (CGARD)
27	Uttar Pradesh	Dr.Lakhan Singh, Asst. Professor (CHRD)
28	Uttarakhand	Dr.(Ms) Pratyusna Patnaik, Asst. Professor (CPR,DP&SSD)
29	West Bengal	Dr.(Ms) Ruchira Bhattacharya, Asst. Professor (NIRDPR Delhi)

** North Eastern (NE) States: Director, NERC will make internal arrangement with existing faculty members at NERC, when any faculty gets transferred.*