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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Rural Development**  
**Department of Rural Development**  
**(Rural Skills Division)**

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**Subject: Treatment of placement drop-out, placement continuity, placement non-commencement & extension of project duration due to COVID-19 impact & Lock downs.**

I am directed to refer to the Chapter 3, section 3.2.2.3 of DDU-GKY program guidelines and Chapter 7, Standard Format SF7.2A of DDUGKY Standard Operating Procedure regarding consideration and definition of placement in DDU-GKY as continuous employment for a minimum of 3 month.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic and implementation of containment measures for COVID19 like State Lock downs/Corona Curfews, large scale placement drop out has happened. PIAs had made considerable effort in placement of rural youth during these difficult times too. To provide relief to the PIAs without digressing from the scheme outcome, the following relief shall be made available to all projects, whose placed candidates dropped out and could not commence placement in the below mentioned period.

**(A) Handling placement drop-out cases:-** All those candidates, who dropped out from placement between February 2020 to June 2021, shall be eligible for being re-placed till 31st March 2022. The Guideline provision 3.2.2.2.0 regarding taking action for poor performance by a PIA in a Projects shall stands relaxed for Placement drop outs between February 2020 to June 2021. PIA is provided an opportunity for re placing, placement dropout candidates till 31 March 2022.

**(B) Handling placement continuity of placement drop-out cases:** All those candidates, who dropped out from placement between Feb 2020 to June 2021, their Pre-Lock down/corona curfew, placement duration and post-lock down/corona curfew placement duration shall be taken into account and shall be considered as continuous Placement for placement continuity calculation purpose. The provision of continuous employment as defined in DDU-GKY Guideline 3.2.2.3 and in SoP at SF 7.2 A: Placement and Related Definition Point 3 Continuous Placement stands relaxed for placement drop out cases due to COVID-19 Impact.

**(iii) Handling non-commencement of placement cases:-** All candidates, who got trained in between 26 December 2019 to 30 June 2021 and their placement could not commence, shall be allowed to commence placement till 31 March 2022. The Guideline provision 3.2.2.2.0 regarding taking action for poor performance by a PIA in a Projects

shall stands relaxed for candidates trained in between 26 December 2019 to 30 June 2021. PIAs are provided an opportunity for placement of trained candidates till 31st March 2022.

**(iv) Handling Project Duration Extension Cases:**  
**(a)** Extension of Project duration due to aforesaid measures shall be relaxed from the provisions of notification 8 of 2020 under heading Default Management Provisions point 9 regarding giving extension for the project tenure & provision given in SoP at 3.6 regarding completion of project training and placement -issue Project Completion report shall stands relaxed for placement affected in between February 2020 to June 2021.

**(b)** However no extension of projects duration shall be allowed to those projects, which have completed 6 Years as on 30 June 2021.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

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