**ORDER**

WHEREAS vide Memorandum No. J-17030/3/2014-Aajeevika Skills dated 28th June 2015 under Section 1.6 of SOP, major penalty proceedings have been initiated against M/s. Aurobindo Chaudhuri Memorial Great Indian Dream Foundation (ACM GIDF) for the following defaults in implementation of DDU-GKY project sanctioned under Aajeevika Skills (now DDU-GKY) for skilling of 1410 rural youth in the State of Odisha.

2. WHEREAS in response to the show cause notice dated 28th June 2016, M/s. Aurobindo Chaudhuri Memorial Great Indian Dream Foundation (ACM GIDF) submitted their reply vide letter dated 09th August 2016 and the comments of the CTSA (NIRD) on the reply of the PIA as per the details tabulated below.

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<td>Delayed commencement of training; Non-achievement of targets as per PPWS; delayed response from PIA.</td>
<td>Show cause notice issued</td>
<td>All the previous notices being sent by your good office to our organization had been addressed to Sh. Arindam Paul. It is brought to your notice that Sh. Arindam Paul had been the Chief Functionary of ACM GIDF for this particular project and for other projects. Mr. Arindam Paul was solely responsible for all the operational aspects of this project and for all the financial amounts allocated for this project, apart from being solely responsible for completing the full project to its logical and correct conclusion.</td>
<td>Letter to MORD seeking extension of time for submitting the reply to SCN &amp; copy of police complaint</td>
<td>All notices and communication are to be addressed to the representatives of the parties as given in the MOU Clause 6.1.</td>
<td>Annexures Submitted- Annex. A, B &amp; C</td>
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**Annexure-A:** The copy of Tripartite MOU dated 24th June 2014 has been attached which has been signed by ORMAS, NIRD and the PIA wherein the signatory from ACM-GIDF’s side has been Mr. Arindam Paul. He has signed on the representative. The reply by the PIA (ACM-GIDF) is unsatisfactory. The PIA appointed Mr. Ajit Kumar as the new Authorized signatory in place of Mr. Arindam Paul but they did not inform the CTSA.8.
16.11.2014. As per SOP, the training of candidates should commence within 90 days of project commencement date. However, the training center has not been ready for the commencement of training (as on 05.03.2015).

Since the past few periods, the governing body of ACM GIDF was noticing gaps, unexplained imbalances in the financial reporting of Sh. Arindam Paul with respect to this particular project. Despite repeated notifications to Sh. Arindam Paul to clarify these gaps, and mishandling and reporting, Sh. Arindam Paul refused to provide clarifications and kept dodging and avoiding providing clear-cut clarifications. When the governing board conducted an internal audit earlier this year in 2016, many irregularities committed by Arindam Paul came to the fore with respect to this project. Subsequently, after first avoiding answering, Sh. Arindam Paul simply absconded on 4 June 2016 with key documents, funds and other material relating to the project concerned and is now untraceable, leaving the project high and dry. Subsequently, the organization has filed a police complaint with a request that an immediate FIR be lodged against Sh. Arindam Paul for mishandling the project and for other irregularities. At this juncture, post the absconding of Sh. Arindam Paul, the organisation has consolidated much of the material and would like to

of ACM GIDF to whom all notices and communication under the MOU shall be addressed.

2. There has been no communication from ACM GIDF prior to 2nd September 2016 that there is a change in the Authorized Signatory and Chief Functionary.

3. New Authorized signatory resolution by board of ACM GIDF was made on 9th August 2016, saying that Mr. Ajit Kumar will be the authorized signatory. So the authorized signatory has changed only after 9th August 2016. Therefore, As all notices to ACM GIDF were sent prior to 9th August 2016 addressed to Mr. Arindam Paul. So notices have been addressed by NIRD&PR to MOU along other signatories from ORMAS and NIRD.

Annexure-B: This contains a copy of the resolution passed by the Governing Body of the Society of the ACM-GIDF wherein they authorized Mr. Arindam Paul to act on the behalf of the PIA to sign, seal and execute the necessary terms of the MOU signed among three parties (ORMAS, NIRD & ACM-GIDF) for implementing ROSHI project in Odisha.

Annexure-C: This contains a copy of the resolution dated 9/8/2016 passed by the Governing Body of the Society of the ACM-GIDF wherein they have authorized Mr. Ajit Kumar to sign the letters on the behalf of ACM-GIDF for ODU-GKY projects being implemented in the States of Jharkhand, Odisha and Assam by the MoRD which should have been done and thus the claim made by PIA that communications sent by NIRD to the PIA did not reach them or they are not aware of such communications is invalid.
submit a pleading that the organization not be made to suffer for the faults of Sh. Arindam Paul. We request that no penalty be imposed on the organization and also submit that our organization is intent to ensure that the said project is completed to the fullest satisfaction. We would like to be provided grace time to ensure that the identified defaults are corrected. We request that the next lot of funding be kindly released for the project to enable us to continue the project and bring it to satisfactory conclusion.

the correct representative of the party Mr. Arindam Paul, as no change has been reported and the only change made was on 9th August 2016 and all the notices addressed to Mr. Arindam Paul are prior to this date.

4) Also ACM GIDF has not communicated to NIRD&PR any change in the official communication address of ACM GIDF. The explanation given by ACM GIDF are not satisfactory.

PIA in place of Mr. Arindam Paul.

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Explanation of Default:
NIRD stated that PIA had spent an amount of Rs 1.29 crores to train 31 candidates out of set target of 1410 candidates which is less than 10% target to be trained with the first installment.
of central share. This is violation of financial SOP and guidelines.

| 3 | Deviations from SOP in Training Centres, non-compliance, non-responsiveness to directions from CTSA. |
|   | Training centre inspection report submitted | As above | As above | As above | As above | As above | As above |

**Explanation of Default:**
As per the inspection carried out by NIRD team on 20.11.2015, Rayagada Roshini training centre was not complied with SOP. Further, PIA has not given any communication to NIRD regarding the closure of the Rayagada Roshini training centre. Out of set target of 1410 candidates, PIA has completed training of only 31 candidates as on November, 2015. The training centres had been closed since 16.12.2015 and
3. AND WHEREAS, I, Joint Secretary (Skills), the competent authority to impose major penalty under Section 1.6 of SOP uphold the occurrence of the defaults, mentioned in column 2 above supported by evidences in column 3 above taking into account the response of the PIA with supporting evidence ( in column 4 and 5 ) as well as that of the CTSA ( columns 6 and 7 ), as tabulated in paragraph 2 above.

4. AND WHEREAS, it has been brought to my notice, that in respect of two similar projects sanctioned in Assam & Jharkhand to the PIA which were subsequently closed by the Competent Authority and the appeal of the PIA having been rejected by the Appellate Authority, the PIA has failed to deposit the amount of recovery with interest has been ordered by the Competent Authority.

5. AND WHEREAS, I, Joint Secretary (Skills), the competent authority to impose major penalty under Section 1.6 of SOP order the termination of the project with country.

6. This order is being communicated by email to care@gidf.org and a.paul@gidf.org the authorised email ID submitted by the PIA and mentioned on the website, and may be acknowledged. The same is also being emailed to ajit.kumar@gidf.org. A hard copy is also being dispatched by speed post/courier. The date of receipt of this order by your organization is deemed to be the next working day after the dispatch of email.

7. An appeal may be filed against these orders to the Additional Secretary, RD at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi within 30 days of receipt of this order.

Under my signature and seal.

Alka
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

To,
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2. Mr. Shankar Kabdai, Director (M & E), NIRD, Hyderabad
3. Mr. Arun Tallur, Vice President, NABCONS, Rajendra Place, New Delhi
4. Mr. Arindam Chaudhuri, President, Aurobindo Chaudhuri Memorial Great Indian Dream Foundation (ACM GIDF) IIPM Campus, Chattarpur Bhatti Mines