

**F. No. UST-11/28/2020-USTTAD-MOMA**

**Government of India  
Ministry of Minority Affairs**

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Date: 19.04.2022

To

The PIAs concerned

**Subject: Empanelment of Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) and allocation of trainees under Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD) Scheme for the year 2020-21 -Reg.**

Sir/Ma'am,

I am directed to refer to the update on Ministry's website on 18.05.2021 and the Ministry's letter of even number dated 07.06.2021 (copy attached) conveying provisional empanelment of 102 PIAs with tentative allocation of 86 trainees each under USTTAD Scheme for the year 2020-21 and to say that whereas:-

- i. As per para 2(i) of the Request for Proposal (RFP) dated 14.01.202, "Ministry of Minority Affairs reserves the right, without any obligation or liability, to accept or reject any or all the proposals at any stage of the process, to cancel or modify the process or any part thereof, or to vary any of the terms and conditions at any time, without assigning any reasons thereof."
- iii. As per para (5) of the Ministry's letter of even number dated 07.06.2021 "The empanelment/allocation is purely provisional and subject to scrutiny and verification of documents submitted by the PIA. The empanelment/allocation can be curtailed and/or cancelled without any compensation, if any discrepancies regarding the past work done and/or current allocation on the part of the PIA comes to the notice of the Ministry. This action can be taken along with other action as may be deemed appropriate by the Competent Authority in the Ministry of Minority Affairs."
- iv. No finalized trades have been conveyed by the Ministry to PIAs and no funds/sanction orders released to the PIAs. Moreover, no instructions have been issued by this Ministry for start of mobilization of beneficiaries/inspection of training centres/training of beneficiaries.

2. USTTAD Scheme is now proposed to be continued as a component of the new skilling Scheme, under which the approach & contours of the proposed skilling scheme have been altered quite substantially. In view of the above, especially given the change in the approach & contours in the Scheme, it has been decided with the approval of Competent Authority that the provisional

empanelment of 102 PIAs with tentative allocation of 86 trainees each under USTTAD Scheme for the year 2020-21, stands cancelled. Such cancellation is, in no way a reflection on the capacity of empanelled PIAs to conduct training programmes under the Scheme and the PIAs will be entitled to apply for future allocations by the Ministry subject to compliance with the Scheme guidelines.

3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



(Vikas Mohan)

**Under Secretary to the Govt. of India**