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The need for financial support to the SHGs under SGSY who are further organized into clusters for their livelihood promotion is to be assessed and to be addressed with due care. The Clusters of the SHGs who have undergone the process of grading and classified as **A & B** according to their performances are to be provided support for managerial cost, infrastructure and seed capital. In that case both the Area Clusters & Activity Clusters of SHGs are to be considered for financial support from the fund provision made for taking up special initiative for promotion of SHG movement in this State and as placed with WBSRDA of this department. In this connection the following norms are to be followed.

A. Managerial Support :

To be provided to all "**A & B**" graded clusters @ Rs. 15,000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand only) per cluster in order to enable them to meet up their various expenses for running their offices like, cost of stationeries, meeting expenses, travelling expenses etc.

B. Infrastructure support:

i) To be provided to the "**A**" graded clusters up to Rs. 2.50 lakhs (Rupees two lakhs fifty thousand only) per cluster to address their infrastructural needs, like construction of office building, furniture & fixtures, electrical connection, office equipments, workshed etc. In case of building construction if the estimated amount exceeds Rs. 2.50 lakhs, but remains within the approved amount as per model plan and estimate, in that case the balance amount may be provided by the DRDC from Infrastructure Development Fund under SGSY.

ii) 75 % of the cost of land for construction of cluster building may also be provided from the said amount, while the remaining 25% cost will have to be borne by the clusters themselves.

iii) This infrastructural support including the cost of land as mentioned above may also be provided to '**B**' graded clusters as special case if the Project Directors consider the

eligibility of the clusters in this regard. However, it is to be decided whether such help will enable the 'B' graded clusters to be graduated into Grade 'A'.

C) Seed Capital Support:

To be provided to the "A" graded clusters upto Rs. 1.5 lakhs (Rupees one lakh fifty thousand only) per cluster to meet up their requirement of capital for taking up economic activities/business including procurement and supply of materials for ICDS / Mid-day meal programmes etc. In this connection, it is to be assessed whether the 'A' graded clusters have acquired necessary capacity for taking up economic activities/business.

In view of this, the Project Directors of DRD Cells are allowed to identify the eligible / qualified area based clusters and activity based clusters for providing them the financial support as already stated. They will release fund for such support from their programme fund i.e. SGSY fund in order to avoid delay and ask for reimbursement for the amount released by them from the SPSGSY cell of WBSRDA of this Department. Accordingly reimbursement claims will have to be submitted to that cell in the format enclosed.

Encl: as stated

Sd/-
(M.N. Roy)
Chief Executive Officer, WBSRDA &
Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal.

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Proforma for submission of claim for reimbursement of fund released for financial support to the Area Clusters and Activity Clusters of SHGs

Name of the District:-

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