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From

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To

The Joint Secretary (NULM)
Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi

Sir,

Sub: Skill training to members of SHGs to start SEP -reg
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The SULM is promoting self employment by assessing the various needs of the society and converting it into an enterprise opportunity. The entrepreneurs are identified through a process that involves conducting a general orientation training where the various opportunities are communicated and based on the person's interest sufficient skill training is provided with the support of accredited agencies of Government/ Kudumbashree Mission.

The main challenge we faced in NULM is providing skill training to women members, who has to attend residential/ non- residential trainings for a prolonged period of 275 to 400 hours depending upon the course. Also, many courses may not have sufficient members from a ULB and therefore training should be conducted in a distant centre, where women from various ULBs should be pooled for a single batch. This will cause difficulty to women who are either house wife or bread winners of a family, to commute such a long distance for a long duration or to keep away from the family. Further it is observed that the women who are turned up for such kind of training are above 40 in age. Each person will select different SEPs (more than 40 types) which in turn reduce the number of participants.

Therefore, it will be appreciated if the norms of skill training may be revisited by giving sufficient freedom for SULM to conduct the courses for short duration and with the support of accredited agencies, that are conducting skill training programmes for micro enterprises that are funded out of Kerala's State Plan fund. (Already, Kudumbashree Mission is successfully conducting skill

training programmes for women in rural areas and is able to start variety enterprises that are viable and self sustainable.). This will help to increase the number of micro enterprise initiatives in the state under DAY- NULM and to meet the real objective of bringing more women in the main stream.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,



**Director (A & F)
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