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Date: 01.11.2021

To,

The Secretary/Principal Secretary,
Rural Development Department,
All States/UTs

Subject: Discontinuation of the Centrally sponsored 'District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) Administration scheme' with effect from 01.04.2022.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the competent authority has decided that **District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) Administration scheme** will be discontinued with effect from 01.04.2022.

2. In this regard it is suggested to all the States/UTs that they may take the action as under:-

(i) The States/UTs may merge the DRDAs with the Zilla Parishad/Zila Panchayats of the States/UTs. Where there are no ZPs e.g. in North Eastern States, the DRDA may be merged with District Councils or any other body, as may be decided by the State Government.

(ii) Staff working at the DRDAs on deputation basis can be absorbed back in their parent departments.

(iii) The support staff who are on the rolls of the DRDAs may be absorbed (a) by the appropriate line departments; (b) in the District Planning and Monitoring Body as per their qualification. In case such fitment is not possible and is not organic, they can be placed with the schemes such as MGNREGS, PMAY, NSAP, etc. as per their competence and qualification in suitable capacities.

(ii) The accounts of funds released under DRDA scheme may be got audited and the balance unutilized amount with DRDAs as on 31.03.2022 reflected in Audit Reports, may be transferred to Zila Panchayats, Zila Council or any other body, as the case may be and be accounted for in subsequent releases.

Yours faithfully,



(Sanjay Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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