

No.4-1(69)/2012/DD-I
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Disability Affairs

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 5th November, 2014

ORDER

Sub: Dhalopar Rural Development Centre, Village-Dalopar, P.O. Asalkandi, District-Karimganj, Assam-- Blacklisting of the Organization-regarding.

Whereas, the organization named Dhalopar Rural Development Centre, P.O. Asalkandi, District-Karimganj, Assam vide sanction order No.4-1 (67)/2011-DD-I-NGO dated 30.03.2012 was released grants-in-aid of Rs18.50 lakh for the year 2011-12 for camp activities in Karimganj district of Assam under the Central Sector Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP Scheme) by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, for distribution of aids and appliances.

2. Whereas, a complaint was received in the Ministry against the organization regarding irregularities in utilization of grants-in-aid released as mentioned above. Accordingly, vide letter No.4-1 (67)/2011-DD-I-NGO dated 22.10.2012, drawing attention to para 8 of the sanction order dated 30.03.2012, the organization was informed that the amount was to be utilized by the end of current financial year (2011-12) or latest by the end of the 1st Quarter of the next financial year, i.e. 30.06.2012. It was also brought to the notice of the Centre that as per para 17 of the sanction order, the organization should ensure to notify the District Collector about the camps as well as local BDO in advance. Further they should notify the local MLA/MP about the camp. A copy of the letter was endorsed to the Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Assam as well.

3. Whereas, the organization vide letter dated 27.11.2012 had furnished a compliance report but as per the requirement, this was not forwarded through Social Welfare Department, Government of Assam. As such the matter was taken up with the State Government vide letter dated 13.02.2013. Responding to this, the State Government vide letter dated 08.03.2013 forwarded the compliance report/technical evaluation report of the NGO recommending the proposal for sanction of grants-in-aid along with a report received from Karimganj local MLA.

4. Whereas, in view of the clarification received from the State Government of Assam and report furnished by the organization, the matter was further considered in

the Ministry and decided to conduct a detailed Inspection of the organization through an Officer from the Department about utilization of the grants-in-aid of Rs18.50 lakh released during 2011-12.

5. Whereas, as per the Inspection Report, the overall performance of Dhalopar Rural Development Centre could not be judged in view of non-availability of documents in the office i.e. Register of beneficiaries along with signatures, Bank statements for the period 01.03.2012 to 30.06.2012, Disability Certificates of the beneficiaries and income certificates of the beneficiaries. Accordingly, the Officer from the Department recommended that the support could be considered on the basis of documents received through District Social Welfare Officer for which a letter dated 29.09.2013 was handed over to the organization by the Inspecting Officer. Since these documents were not received in the Ministry, the State Govt. was requested vide D.O. letter dated 11.10.2013 followed by reminders dated 26.11.2013 and 22.1.2014.

6. Whereas, the State Government of Assam vide letter dated 07.02.2014 replied that the matter has been inspected by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Karimganj and furnished the Inspection Report and compliance report in respect of the organization. However, the complete documents as requested by the Ministry were not furnished. It was also found from the documents made available by the State Government that out of 472 beneficiaries, the organization submitted (i) disability certificate of only 15 beneficiaries, (ii) income certificate of only 20 beneficiaries and (iii) undertaking of only 26 beneficiaries. Consequently, the matter was taken up by the Ministry with the State Government vide letter dated 02.5.2014 to furnish the requisite documents viz., Register of beneficiaries along with signatures, Bank statements, Disability Certificates and income certificates of all the 472 beneficiaries assisted by the organization.

7. Whereas, the State Govt. of Assam vide letter dated 07.05.2014 forwarded the inquiry report along with relevant papers in respect of the organization received from Deputy Commissioner, Karimganj. On scrutiny, it was noticed that complete copies of inquiry report and relevant papers were not found enclosed as mentioned in the letter dated 05.03.2014 of the office of Deputy Commissioner, Karimganj.

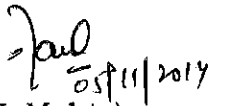
8. Whereas, notwithstanding various correspondence with the State Government and Dhalopar Rural Development Centre, the requisite documents have not been provided to this Ministry and accordingly no decision could be taken on the complaint against the organization.

9. Whereas, in view of the position explained above, a Show Cause Notice was issued to the organization vide Ministry's letter dated 04.7.2014 asking them to explain why action against the organization may not be initiated as per rules and the

entire amount of grant released to the organization for 2011-12 along with penal interest should not be recovered and the organization be blacklisted. It was also reiterated in the letter that if no reply is received suitable action against the organization as per extant rules would be taken, ex-parte, on the presumption that they have no explanation to offer. The explanation was to be furnished within 15 days from receipt of the Show Cause Notice dated 04.07.2014. However, no response has been received in the Ministry from Dhalopar Rural Development Centre, Village-Dalopar, P.O. Asalkandi, District-Karimganj, Assam, till 31.10.2014.

10. Thus, in the matter of utilization of grants-in-aid for Rs18.50 lakh during 2011-12 for camp activities under ADIP Scheme in Karimganj district of Assam, Dhalopar Rural Development Centre failed to furnish point-wise and detailed explanation to the Show Cause Notice issued to them on 04.07.2014.

11. Now, taking into consideration all the above mentioned facts, it has been decided by the Competent Authority in public interest, to blacklist the organization namely Dhalopar Rural Development Centre, Village-Dalopar, P.O. Asalkandi, District-Karimganj, Assam for further financial assistance under various Schemes of this Ministry. It is ordered accordingly.


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1. All Bureau Heads in the Ministry
2. All Directors/DSs in the Ministry
3. Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Assam.
5. Deputy Commissioner, Karimganj
6. PSA, NIC, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment with the request that a copy of the order be put on the website of the Ministry.

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