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(महाराष्ट्र एवं गोवा)



Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Regional Directorate of NSS, Pune
(Maharashtra & Goa)

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By e-Mail
Date: 26th July, 2024

To,

All Programme Coordinators of
Maharashtra and Goa States

Subject: Rural Immersion Programme (RIP) of National Service Scheme in the month of September- October- reg.

Sir/ Madam,

In reference to Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, New Delhi letter A-15016/1/2024-NSS dated 24th July 2024 regarding above mentioned subject (copy attached).

2. I am to refer to the subject cited above and to say that "Rural Immersion Programme" (RIP) for NSS Volunteers is planned to be implemented in the months of September-October 2024 with the aim at to provide an opportunity to the NSS Volunteers engage closely with the rural community and to understand their culture, traditions, lifestyle and sources of livelihood (such as fisheries, dairies, farming, animal husbandry etc). The Programme will facilitate a meaningful exchange between NSS Volunteers and rural families.

3. Each group of 2-3 NSS Volunteers will have engagement in the programme for 10 days (2-days orientation training, 7-days home stay with rural families and 1-day preparation of report). It is expected that during their home stay, volunteers will experience farm activities (including farming, animal husbandry, dairying, fisheries, artisanal work) as well as cultural festivities. By staying with local families, volunteers will gain first hand insights into rural life, rural livelihoods, cultural traditions, and community dynamics. Detailed SOP on Rural Immersion Programme is enclosed.

4. A copy of the Concept Note on the Rural Immersion Programme (RIP) is attached herewith for information and necessary action. Further, a D.O letter signed by Secretary (YA) has been sent to Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education to support this programme (copy enclosed).

5. In this regard, all Programme Coordinators in Maharashtra and Goa are requested to initiate action for implementation of the programme in accordance with the process flow given in the Concept Note. After identifying the Rural Families for hosting the Home Stay and NSS Volunteers to be deputed to such Home Stays, **the proposal with details as given in the attached proforma may please be sent to this office latest by 10 August 2024** for onward submission to the Ministry.

Encl: As above

(AJAY B. SHINDE)
Regional Director-NSS

Copy to:-The Director, Directorate of NSS, Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi-110 001 – for kind information.

2. The State NSS Officers, State NSS Cell, Mumbai and Goa – with a request to take up the Rural Immersion programme with the Universities & Submit proposals for onward submission to Ministry.