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Dear Chief Secretary,

You may be aware that Ministry of Rural Development is supporting a Bank led intervention called Rural Self-Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) for skill development of rural poor youth for self-employment throughout the Country. So far 585 such RSETIs have been established and are functional in different Districts of the Country. The RSETIs are providing trainings in 61 National Skill Qualifications Framework (NSQF) aligned courses to various candidates. One of the very popular courses being run in RSETIs is Sewing Machine Operators (SMO). A large number of trainees have been trained under this course in almost all RSETIs and have subsequently started working on their own.

One such RSETI in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, has engaged some of its ex-trainees to take up work of stitching masks for use in fight against Coronavirus Pandemic in coordination with District authority. If this activity is replicated around all RSETIs in the country, it is likely to have a positive impact on fight against the current Pandemic.

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you to take up this matter on a priority basis with State Rural Livelihood Mission and District Collectors /Magistrates to motivate and facilitate stitching of masks by Ex-trainees of RSETIs, as well as the SHGs. As the trainings presently have been stopped in all RSETIs across the country because of the nationwide lock down , ex-trainees can be advised to use RSETI buildings for such activities if feasible. However, social distancing and all other prescribed precautionary measures should be ensured for all to be involved in this activity.

Yours sincerely

(Rajesh Bhushan)

To

Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs.

Copy for taking up with RSETIs and respective Banks to:
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